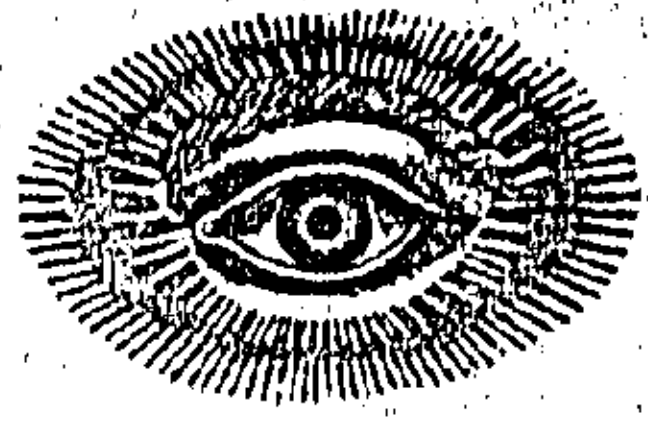


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BRITISH TROOPS IN ACTION.

NORTHERNERS RUSH POSTS.

DURHAMS REPULSE ALL ATTACKS.

BRITISH DIPLOMATS SEIZED IN NATIVE CITY.

NANKING & WUHU CRISES.

With the arrival of additional Nationalist forces at Shanghai undisciplined Northern troops have endeavored to break through the Settlement defence barriers at various points. They fired on the Durhams and the latter replied inflicting considerable casualties. The defence line later became quiet.

Thousands of refugees, including Britishers and Japanese, are crowding into the Settlement from the suburbs, causing serious accommodation and food supply problems.

Whilst engaged on diplomatic missions in the native city, Viscount Gort, Sir Sidney Barton (British Consul-General), Lieut.-Col. Heywood and Major Hilton-Johnson had a narrow escape from capture by the Southern forces. The two first-named were seized but later released and the two last-named were held up for over an hour by demonstrators.

There are serious crises both at Wuhu and Nanking, from which ports all foreigners are speedily evacuated.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

The situation is generally quieter this morning.

General Pui Chiang-hsi, commanding the Cantonese forces, is at Lungshu, four miles from the French Concession. He has only 2,500 troops at present. The foreign authorities are endeavouring to get into touch with him to-day.

The Chapei district is comparatively quiet, but there is still much lawlessness.—*Reuter.*

UTTER CHAOS.

NO OFFICIAL CONTACT.

Shanghai, March 22.

Up to this morning the foreign authorities had been unable to get into touch with General Pui Chiang-hsi, the Commander of the Cantonese forces.

The reason is that outside the Settlement boundary, what between tens of thousands of refugees, numerous criminals, Nationalist gunmen, armed Shanghai soldiers and promiscuous gunfire, the situation is still utterly chaotic.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin's reply to Mr. Garro-Jones yesterday regarding the kaleidoscopic situation is peculiarly true. A big effort is being made to-day to secure contact, although it is impossible to guarantee the personal safety of anyone, no matter whom, going out beyond the boundary.—*Reuter.*

FLOCKING INTO SETTLEMENT.

COSMOPOLITAN STREAM OF REFUGEES.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Scenes recalling those in France and Belgium during the war were witnessed this afternoon in the populous suburbs adjoining the disturbed area of Chapei.

From these suburbs a cosmopolitan throng of refugees, including many Britishers and Japanese are flocking to the Settlement amid the crackle of snipers' bullets. The roads were crowded with a steady stream of rickshaws, wheelbarrows, motor cars and other vehicles, all heavily loaded with hastily packed bags and bundles.

The Municipal authorities are assisting the evacuation with a fleet of motor trucks, which armoured cars are escorting to safety from the concentration point which has been established at the Boys' School.

Three hundred small Chinese and foreign children have been brought in from the French Convent in Chapei with the assistance of Northern soldiers.

Large numbers of Chinese are joining in the general exodus which adds greatly to the strain which the arrival of refugees from up-river had already placed upon Shanghai's resources of accommodation.

Some have been lodged in the General Hospital, others relying on the hospitality of friends. The remainder have to find shelter where they can. There is already a growing shortage of food and meat in the Settlements.—*Reuter.*

NORTHERNERS RUSH BARRIERS.

DURHAMS REPLY TO FIRE.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Following the appearance of Nationalist regular troops yesterday afternoon, the Northerners rushed the Settlement barriers at various points.

They were held in check by the Durhams, but opened fire to which the British replied, inflicting considerable casualties, and repulsing all attacks. Practically all the Northerners have since given up their arms and have gained peaceful admission into the Settlement or else have capitulated to the Cantonese.

There was intensive armoured-car patrolling through the Settlement last evening, when the defence line was again quiet. It is hoped that the arrival of the Nationalist forces will help to quell the Chapei disturbances.—*Reuter.*

MORE INCIDENTS.

BRITISHERS FIRED ON.

Shanghai, March 22.

It is stated that the general strike will continue for three days in celebration of the Southern victory.

Twenty or thirty British in Hongkew were heavily fired on and an armoured car was also subjected to heavy fire while extricating a similar vehicle which had broken down.

Chinese fired from houses with automatic guns, wounding two Punjabis and three of an armoured car crew. Armed men were forced to open fire on the mob. There were no Chinese casualties.—*Naval Wireless.*

DEFENCE COMMANDERS.

SEVERAL HOLD OFFICE.

According to a Chinese telegram from Shanghai, the Nationalist Government has appointed General Niu Yung-chen as Defence Commander of Shanghai and Sung-kiang. However, there are a large number of other "Defence Commanders," self-appointed by different leaders.

Altogether there are four Police Chiefs for the Shanghai district.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin has appointed Marshal Chang Tsung-chang to be Commander-in-Chief of the Northern Navy, by virtue of which he will control the Tsingtao Squadron and the Manchurian naval fleet.

DIPLOMATS "ARRESTED." ALARMING INCIDENTS.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
Viscount Gort, the British Consul-General (Sir Sidney Barton), Lieut.-Col. Heywood and Major Hilton-Johnson all narrowly escaped capture by the Southern forces last evening when they were engaged on diplomatic missions in the native city.

Viscount Gort and Sir Sidney Barton were arranging for the evacuation of the children in the Anglo-French Convent in Chapei when they were seized by a Cantonese detachment, which only released them after Sir Sidney Barton had established his identity.

Lieut.-Col. Heywood and Major Hilton-Johnson were returning to the Settlement after a consultation with the Cantonese Commander of the native city on the latter's suggestion, when they encountered a demonstration, by which they were held up for an hour before being rescued.—*Reuter.*

Viscount Gort, V.C., is the Chief General Staff Officer of the Shanghai Defence Force.

Lieut.-Col. T. G. G. Heywood is the Royal Artillery Officer attached to the Shanghai Defence Force.

[Major A. H. Hilton-Johnson is the Commissioner General of the Shanghai Municipality.]

CHINESE REPORTS.
NATIONALISTS RESTORING ORDER.

A Chinese press telegram which arrived in Hongkong at noon to-day, says that order in Shanghai has been partially restored following the arrival of General Pui Chiang-hsi, the Commander of the Nationalist forces, with large numbers of troops.

The People's Armies (small bodies of armed men who were organised during the recent disorder) have been dissolved and disbanded by the Nationalists.

Nearly all the Shanghai troops have been disarmed. There is a force, about one battalion strong, in the Tientsin Nunnery, but Nationalist forces have been sent over there to disarm them.

The big fire in Chapei has been got under control. The Nationalist commander has issued a proclamation calling for the preservation of order.

The Central Kuomintang at Hankow has appointed General Pui Chiang-hsi, General Liu Yun-chen and Mr. Wu Chi-fai, with four others, as Commissioners of the Shanghai Political Council. This body will be the highest administrative authority in Shanghai under the new government.

AMERICAN ANXIETY.

3,000 MARINES STANDING BY.

Washington, Mar. 23.

President Coolidge and his advisers are anxiously watching the situation in Shanghai.

There are indications that whatever steps they decide to take will be taken in close co-operation with Britain and France. It is generally conceded that the situation holds the danger of a serious incident developing, more momentous in its results than the Boxer Rising.

The American Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Fleet, in an official despatch yesterday, described the situation as "very tense," adding that a strike was impending and that murderous attacks on loyal Chinese were increasing.

News of the landing of American Marines has been received with a certain amount of relief, as some feeling had been aroused by the publication of newspaper despatches from Shanghai ironically contrasting the "masterly inactivity" of the American Marines aboard their ships to the businesslike efficiency of the British military preparations.

Reuter learns that while there is no intention immediately of sending reinforcements to China, 3,000 Marine are being held in readiness at Quantico, Virginia, and will, if necessary, be despatched together with three scout cruisers at present at Honolulu. It is emphasised that American lives and property will be protected by all the Government's resources.—*Reuter.*

POSTAL STRIKE.

SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL MATTER.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

The Post Office strike is becoming a serious affair, all international mail matter being held up. (Continued on page 12.)

BIG SEIZURE OF ARMS.

WHAT "HOPSANG" PIRATES OVERLOOKED.

OVER 20 MACHINE-GUNS.

Developments subsequent to the piracy of the Hopsang have a somewhat humorous aspect, in that the police search party which boarded after the vessel berthed, uncovered a store of arms in the stockhold, which were apparently being smuggled, by some persons unknown, to Canton. The value of the seizure in these times cannot be over-estimated, but it is strange that the pirates overlooked the arsenal which was concealed on board, and the facts dispose of the suggestion that the Chinese on board were in league with the Bias Bay men.

According to the details given in the Harbour Office Report by the s.s. Hopsang, when the police boarded and made a search of the ship, as is usual in the case of piracies, a store of arms and ammunition was found, secreted in the stockhold which represented a fortune to those engaged in the "trade" if only it could get through.

Stowed amongst the coal were found nine revolvers, one automatic, 22 machine-guns and 20,000 rounds of ammunition. In spite of thorough investigation by the police, it was impossible to connect anyone with the smuggling and in consequence no arrests have been made.

In the ordinary course of events, the Hopsang would have proceeded to Canton and it is thought that the arms if they got through, would be discharged at that point. Whatever may accrue to the pirates from their seizure of the Hopsang, it is certain that had they come across the hidden arms and ammunition, their haul would have been much more profitable.

KUOMINTANG SPLIT.

KWANGTUNG AND KIANGSI REMAIN "MODERATE."

A Chinese report states that the leaders in the two provinces of Kwangtung and Kiangsi are determined to remain "moderate" and continue their support of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, although the extremist element is doing its best to oust them.

It will be remembered that the extremists recently failed to gain the majority of seats in the Provincial Committee of the Kuomintang for Kwangtung and Kiangsi, and the extremists, now in charge of the Central Kuomintang at Hankow, have ordered that a new election take place. In answer to this, General Li Chai-sum is said to have written to the Central Kuomintang stating that everything was carried out properly at the last election and that he does not see why a new election should be held. The Kuomintang body (largely dominated by loyal followers of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek) has also replied to Hankow, stating that there is no necessity to reorganise the Kuomintang in that province or to hold another election.

It is expected that further "orders" will shortly be issued from Hankow requiring new elections to take place.

MOTOR MISHAP.

CYCLIST COMES TO GRIEF.

Falling with the machine down an embankment, a young Chinese motor-cyclist was found yesterday afternoon, lying at the foot of a twenty-foot drop at the hillside below Stubbs Road. He was removed to Hospital with rather serious injuries.

How the accident, which occurred whilst the man was motoring about Stubbs Road, was brought about is not ascertained, but it appears that the rider lost control of his mount and it went over the embankment.

The machine, which is a Harley Davidson, according to the police registry, was badly smashed.

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BRUTAL ATTACK.

ON FOREIGNER IN SHANGHAI.

FORCED TO SIGN CHEQUES.

The police of the French Concession and the International Settlement just now are engaged on one of the most remarkable and daring robberies in the criminal annals of Shanghai, says the N. C. Daily News of Saturday last. It involves the holding of a foreign resident prisoner in his house, practically for 24 hours, in one of the most popular residential districts, during which time the criminals forced him at the point of the pistol to sign cheques for 215, 8,000, which they cashed before finally getting clear.

What makes the affair the more extraordinary is that the robbers did not appear to their victim to be ordinary hold-up men, and, indeed, they admitted to him that they were "collectors" on behalf of the Nationalist Government.

Over 70 Years Old.

The story centres round Mr. C. E. Geddes, a gentleman of over 70 years, perhaps better known in Hankow than in Shanghai, who has been resident in China since the winter of 1895. Most of Mr. Geddes's business interests have been in Hankow, but during the past four years, he has lived in Shanghai, occupying a house at 200 Avenue du Roi Albert. Following the system so common in the Shanghai residential quarters, Mr. Geddes's house, though numbered in the Avenue, actually is some distance from it, being in an isolated position at the end of a passage, leading from the main thoroughfare. There he has lived alone, save for two Chinese servants.

Mr. Geddes' Own Story.

Despite his advanced years, Mr. Geddes appears to have treated the whole affair very coolly and, when seen by a representative of the N. C. Daily News gave a concise and graphic story, which is best told in his own words.

"I was sitting in an easy chair in my sitting room, reading, about 1.30 on Thursday afternoon," he said, "and, chancing to look up, I saw four Chinese filing through the door and moving quickly towards me. They all wore long Chinese gowns, foreign hats, and Chinese shoes and, as I later ascertained, were Cantonese. As they came up, I saw that each one held a pistol pointed in my direction. It was not easy for me quickly to get out of my chair and before I could do so three of them were behind me and holding me down, whilst the fourth put his pistol to my head and threatened to shoot me if I did not do what they wanted. They all spoke very fair English. I don't know how they got in, but probably it was through the servants' quarters, because later they told me they had been with the servants for some time before they came to me and that my boy told them I had plenty of money.

Bullying the Prisoner.

"When they threatened me, I said, 'Well, shoot me. I am ready.' At that they all began to jabber about what they wanted and finally they told me they must have money. I said I had not got any, but they replied that I had plenty in the bank and that I must give them a cheque. I refused to sign a cheque, whereupon they began to bully me and to knock me about. The men behind me hit me on the head with their pistols, not very hard, but it was sufficient to give me a bad headache. The man in front twice slapped my face. I saw the blows coming, but could not ward them off. Seemingly, he hit me very hard, but it was strange that I did not feel anything and I think he cupped his hands, purposely not to hurt me.

"After this, they tied my legs with rope and began to tie my hands. I struggled and kicked furiously at the man who was tying me and struck at his face, but I missed him. Then he slipped the rope down my legs, in order to tie my ankles, and so that I might not be reduced to absolute helplessness, I gave in and said: I would sign a cheque.

Cashing the Cheques.

"Then they became less violent and asked me for 215, 800,00, Continued on Page 7.

SUBMARINE TO BE SOLD.

OFFERS WANTED FOR THE "L. 9."

BRAVE RESCUE RECALLED.

Sunk in Hongkong harbour during the big typhoon in August, 1923, the British submarine L. 9 is now to be sold, tenders for her purchase being invited by the Naval Store Office of the Hongkong Naval Dockyard.

At the time of the 1923 typhoon, the L. 9 was a reserve submarine on the China Station, with a very small personnel. During the fateful morning of August 18th, she broke loose from her moorings with Lieut. Dickson and three or four men on board. As she was being carried towards the ferry wharf in the tremendous seas running, Lieut. Dickson directed the men on board to jump ashore when the submarine got near enough to the naval dock wall, and this they did. The officer himself, however, remained on board, with the idea that he might secure the submarine to a buoy if possible.

However, eventually the L. 9 went down not far from the Praya, but Lieut. Dickson jumped clear and swam to a mooring some distance away, to which he clung. Then came an act of great bravery by A. B. Treggus, of H.M.S. Tamar. Seeing the plight in which Lieut. Dickson was, he clambered aboard the s.s. Ginyo Maru, which had drifted inshore, dashed to the bow of the ship and was lowered into the water. He then swam out with a life-line to Lieut. Dickson, who was now in great distress, and both were then pulled ashore, amidst loud cheers from the large crowd of spectators gathered on the seafloor.

A. B. Treggus was later decorated for his bravery.

SIR RONALD MACLEAY.

APPOINTED MINISTER TO PRAGUE.

London, Mar. 22.

Sir Ronald Macleay has been appointed Minister to Prague.—*Reuter.*

Sir Ronald Macleay, who was British Minister to China from 1922 until he was succeeded by Sir Miles Lampson, has a record of over 40 years in the Diplomatic Service. He entered the service as an Attaché in 1895 and has served in different capacities in Washington, Copenhagen, Brussels, Madrid, Constantinople, Belgrade, Mexico and the Foreign Office. He was appointed Councillor of Embassy to H. M. Legation in Peking in 1914, and from 1919 till 1922 he was British Minister to the Argentine.

The post of British Minister to Czechoslovakia, to which Sir Ronald now goes, has been vacant for some time.

BRITISH GLOVES.

BIGGER PRODUCTION REPORTED.

London, March 22.

In the House of Commons, Sir Phillips Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade, stated that the production of leather gloves in the last quarter of 1926, following the imposition of the import duty under the safeguarding of Industries Act, was nearly 50 per cent. greater than in the last quarter of 1925. The figures were approximately 132,000 dozen against 102,000 dozen. The output of fabric gloves in the last quarter of 1926 likewise exceeded that of the last quarter of 1925 by more than one-third.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH FILMS.

QUOTA BILL PASSES SECOND READING.

London, Mar. 22.

The House of Commons has agreed to the second reading of the Cinematograph Bill, by 243 votes to 185.—*Reuter.*

HEAVY LOSSES.

CONSTRUCTION CO. MEETING.

HOPES FOR FUTURE.

A total adverse balance of nearly half a million dollars was announced at this morning's annual meeting of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, and at the close a shareholder suggested that since the Company had lost half its capital, the amount should be written off.

Mr. R. G. Shawan occupied the chair and there were also present:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. T. Dagmar (Directors), Mr. S. C. Cook (Secretary), Messrs. E. M. Raymond, M. A. Figueiredo, M. Fernandez, O. F. Ribeiro and A. A. Alves (shareholders).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report.

Chairman's Speech.

The chairman said:—Gentlemen.—We have now to lay before this meeting our report and accounts for the year 1926, which, as they have been in your hands for the required period, I propose with your permission to take as read.

You will see from the Profit & Loss Account that we have had to write off a further loss of the contracts with the Hongkong Government of \$45,167.29 in addition to the sum of \$120,874.89 for general charges and depreciation not covered by contracts. These amounts together with directors' and auditors' fees bring our total debit for the year to \$170,300.78. On the credit side we have profits from other contracts, bank interest and transfer fees, altogether \$41,774.80, leaving a net loss for the year of \$128,525.98.

These figures make it obvious that, apart from the Government contracts, the loss for the year is entirely due to the great scarcity of work. During the whole of 1926 the building trade, for reasons with which you are well acquainted, was in such a state of stagnation that any enquiries for such work as ours were quickly and eagerly met on terms which left little prospect of profit, most contractors being only too ready to take work at any figure which promised to keep their staffs employed even if it did not cover their working costs. We have taken every opportunity of curtailing our establishment expenses, but most of the reductions could not become effective until the latter part of the year. They should, however, be more apparent in the year 1927.

Settlement with Government.

I am glad to say that we have, at last, come to a settlement with the Hongkong Government in connexion with the unfortunate contracts of 1922, but, as you can judge from the accounts, the results of our appeal have been extremely disappointing. We must acknowledge that the Government has made concessions, for which we are grateful, but these were of a negative character consisting of (a) the remission of certain penalties for delay for which the Company was said to be liable and (b) relief from our liability to complete the Chatham Road contract, which, as I stated last year, would have entailed a further heavy loss. Upon our putting forward the Company's claims for final settlement under the terms of the various contracts, certain differences arose, which we requested be referred to arbitration as provided for in the contracts. In view, however, of the counter-claims (consisting in part of the penalties to which I have already referred) which the Government thereupon reserved the right to enforce, we had no alternative but to bow to the force of circumstances and relinquish our outstanding claims.

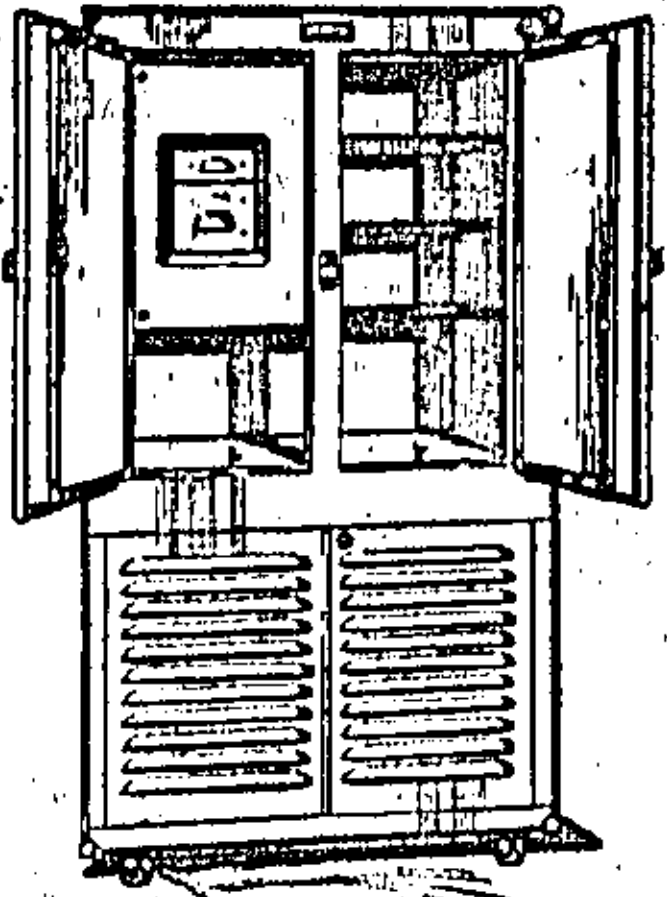
Thus closes, I hope, a chapter of disaster which has shaken your Company to its very foundations (except, of course, its Frankling foundations). The total losses upon these contracts with the Government, covering a period of more than three years, have amounted to nearly \$600,000 and had it not been for profits made in other directions, it would have been a disaster of proportions.

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FALL OF SHANGHAI.

PRESS COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

London, March 22.
Graphic stories of the fall of Shanghai are featured in the day's papers nearly all of which comment on the importance of the event. The *Daily Telegraph* says that the worst has happened in Shanghai and for the worst the British Government, to its lasting honour, was prepared. It is of the opinion that the future much depends on the attitude of Chiang Kai-shek and the influence he is able to wield. It declares that Shanghai will not produce a tael for him or for anyone until order has been restored and the foreign trading community is enabled to resume its activities. The problems of diplomacy can wait until the security of their lives is ensured.

The *Morning Post* regrets that there is no unified authority on the international side, but hopes that all the Governments are agreed that nothing is to be gained by pusillanimity, and that everything is to be gained by resolution.

The *Daily Herald* does not comment on the subject although it gives prominence to the Shanghai news.

The *Daily Mail* expresses the opinion that as long as British lives and property are not assailed it is not our concern what the contending forces do, although anything weakening and impoverishing China, and the Chinese is regrettable.

The *Westminster Gazette* says that the fall of Shanghai brings face to face the necessity of carrying out Sir Austen Chamberlain's policy. The attitude of the Nationalists and the British has up to the present been correct and it is imperative that we endeavour to come to an agreement with the Nationalists at the earliest moment.

The *Daily News* hopes that the incidents reported will not be taken too tragically and will not be allowed to become the cause of war, or to develop, casually and insidiously from sporadic occurrences into a general armed mixup. It emphasises the conciliatoriness of British policy and points out that it is obviously to the interest of the Cantonese to prevent an attack on the foreign settlements. It asks if the Municipal Council has framed a policy for friendly discussion with the Cantonese Government and if so does it accord with the British standpoint? "Its continued silence on the subject at this vital moment for China and the world is not one of the most reassuring factors in the present situation."—*Reuter*.

French Opinion.

Paris, March 22.
Le *Matin* thinks that there is no reason to believe that Chiang Kai-shek will commit the weighty error of compromising his resounding success by a coup. Why would the Cantonese not understand that their political position is now a first class one? It asks. They can only realize evolution to definitiveness if an energetic hand is used to put aside over-excited persons.

Amid all these events France has to give thanks for her fair policy of expectation which maintains her entire prestige. May be the time is coming now for France to act and negotiate.—*Havas*.

Refolding in Moscow.

Moscow, March 22.
According to official news agency the news regarding the capture of Shanghai published in special editions aroused jubilant demonstrations in the mills and factories of the principal towns.

The Government organ *Izvestia* says that the fall opens up a new page in the relations between China and the Powers and that the latter will have to abandon their policy of procrastination and choose between agreement with or struggle against the national revolutionary movement.—*Reuter*.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO BRIBE POLICE.

The absence of the principal Crown witness in a bribery case at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice, caused the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Attorney General, to ask for an adjournment, an application which was opposed by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who defended, on the grounds that it would cause hardship and inconvenience to the prisoner. His Lordship adjourned the case until 2.15 in the afternoon, stating that if the witness was not then present, or his absence was not explained, he would discharge the prisoner.

The prisoner, Wong Chik-san, was charged with an attempt to bribe an Indian lance sergeant.

Court Resumes.

When the court resumed in the afternoon, His Lordship asked the Attorney General whether he had an explanation to offer to account for the absence of Mohammed Ali.

Sir Joseph Kemp replied he understood it was owing to a misunderstanding as to the date. He had not himself seen the witness but he understood witness thought the case was being tried on the 28th.

His Lordship remarked he would ask for an explanation when the witness gave evidence.

In outlining the circumstances, Sir Joseph said that on February 25th at a quarter to nine in the evening, an Indian lance sergeant was on duty in Connaught Road West, just east of Eastern Street, when he saw two Chinese walking along in an easterly direction. When he moved towards them they appeared to want to avoid him. He approached and told the Chinese they must be searched. They made no resistance and the constable searched them.

He found nothing on the 'one man, but on the other, the prisoner he found a small horn opium box. He was also carrying a larger box. Thinking there might be opium in the box, the constable asked for the key. The defendant did not produce it, and stated it was at the office. In fact, added Sir Joseph, the prisoner had the key in his possession at the time.

Offered \$30.

The constable took the prisoner towards No. 7, Police Station, and on the way the prisoner produced something from his pocket and put it into the constable's hand. A conversation ensued in which the prisoner said he had two tael of opium, and was giving the constable \$30.

When he was searched at the Police Station a bunch of keys was found on him, one of which fitted the lock of the box. Inside the box was found an earthenware pot inside a tin box, which contained four tael of prepared opium, which was not Hongkong Government prepared opium.

Sir Joseph added he thought it would be clear that the prisoner must have known that it was an offence to be in possession in Hongkong of smuggled opium, and the natural and probable reason for handing \$30 to the constable was with the object of bribing him.

The prisoner gave evidence at the Magistrate's court, which was distinctly in his favour. He gave an explanation as to why he produced the notes, which did not suggest he was offering them as a bribe. When charged at the Police Station with bribery, he replied, "I did not know the regulations." Ignorance of the law, however, was no defence.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, analyst attached to the Imports and Exports Department, gave evidence that the opium was not Hongkong Government opium.

Misunderstood Date.

Mahomed Ali, the Indian lance sergeant, was the next witness called, and when he had entered the witness box, His Lordship asked him for an explanation as to why he was not present in the morning. He replied that he was told by the interpreter at the Magistrate's

U. S. NAVY.

ADMIRAL BRISTOL TO COMMAND CHINA FLEET.

Washington, March 22.
Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, at present High-Commissioner at Constantinople, will succeed Admiral Williams in command of the Asiatic Fleet on the latter's retirement in the autumn on attaining the age limit. An ambassador will be sent to Turkey.—*Reuter's American Service*.

that the case was to be heard on the 28th.

His Lordship asked the Attorney General to bring the matter to the notice of the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

Witness gave evidence corroborating the Attorney General's opening, and in reply to Mr. Jenkin he said although he had been a policeman for fourteen years, that was the first time that anything had been pressed into his hand in that manner. He denied that he told the prisoner that the matter would be finally settled at the Police Station, and the prisoner did not ask him what was going to happen.

Witness was closely examined by Mr. Jenkin as to when he obtained his certificates in Chinese. He said he understood the prisoner perfectly and the prisoner understood him.

Mr. Jenkin asked for permission for the prisoner to speak to see if the witness could really understand, but His Lordship decided such a test should wait until the prisoner was called to give evidence.

Witness denied that he told the prisoner the fine would be fixed on arrival at the Police Station, or that he told him that \$30 would be the maximum fine for the possession of the opium.

Sub-Inspector S. Logan said he was in charge of No. 7 Police Station, when the constable entered with the prisoner and handed over three \$10 bills.

In reply to Mr. Jenkin witness said he knew of no Police departmental regulation which forbade an Indian constable to search a Chinese when he suspected of carrying arms or contraband.

A sergeant interpreter said he took statements from the prisoner, and replying to Mr. Jenkin said he understood all that the prisoner said in Cantonese. Answering His Lordship, witness said the prisoner spoke Cantonese with a slight Sanning accent.

Inspector P. Grant said he was at the Central Magistrate's court when the prisoner gave evidence, and said there was difficulty at times in interpreting. He said he believed that there was one incident referring to \$30, when the prisoner was interpreted as having said ten.

The prisoner, who gave evidence, said he was an elder from a village in the Sanning district. He said the constable told him that he would be fined, and he (prisoner) asked how much. The constable appeared to have difficulty in understanding him, so he produced the money to illustrate what he meant and not with the intention of offering a bribe.

The defendant was discharged.

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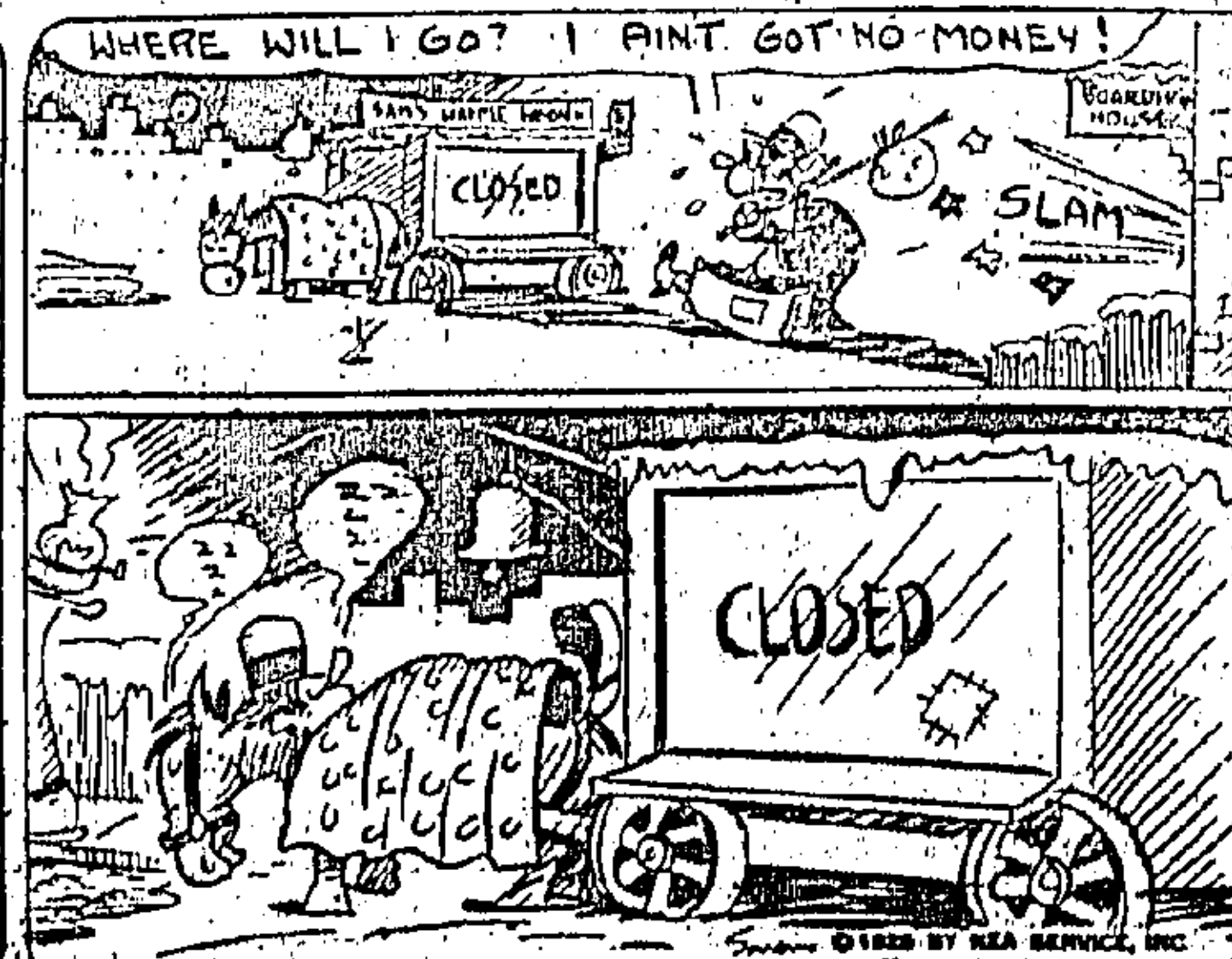
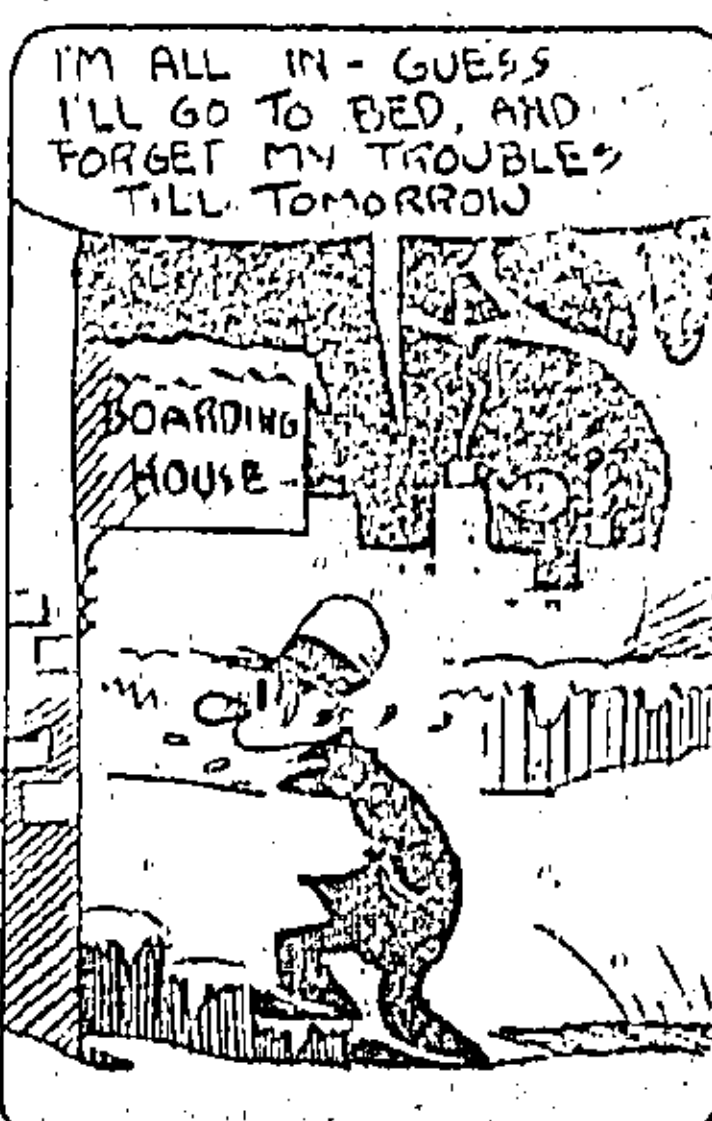
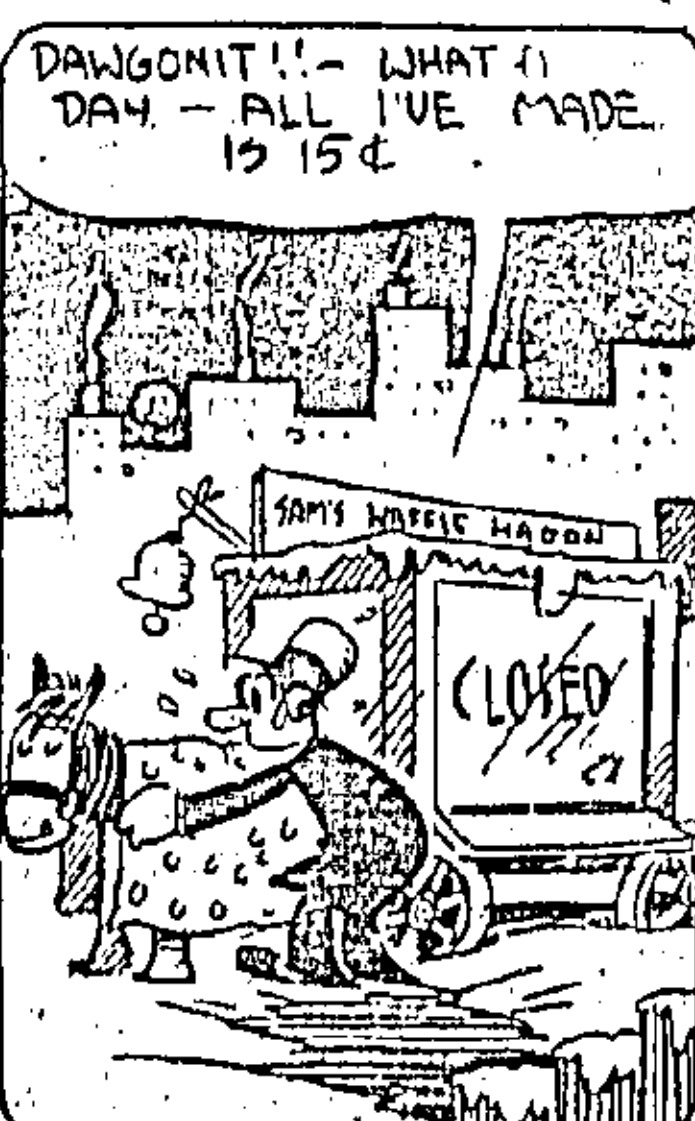
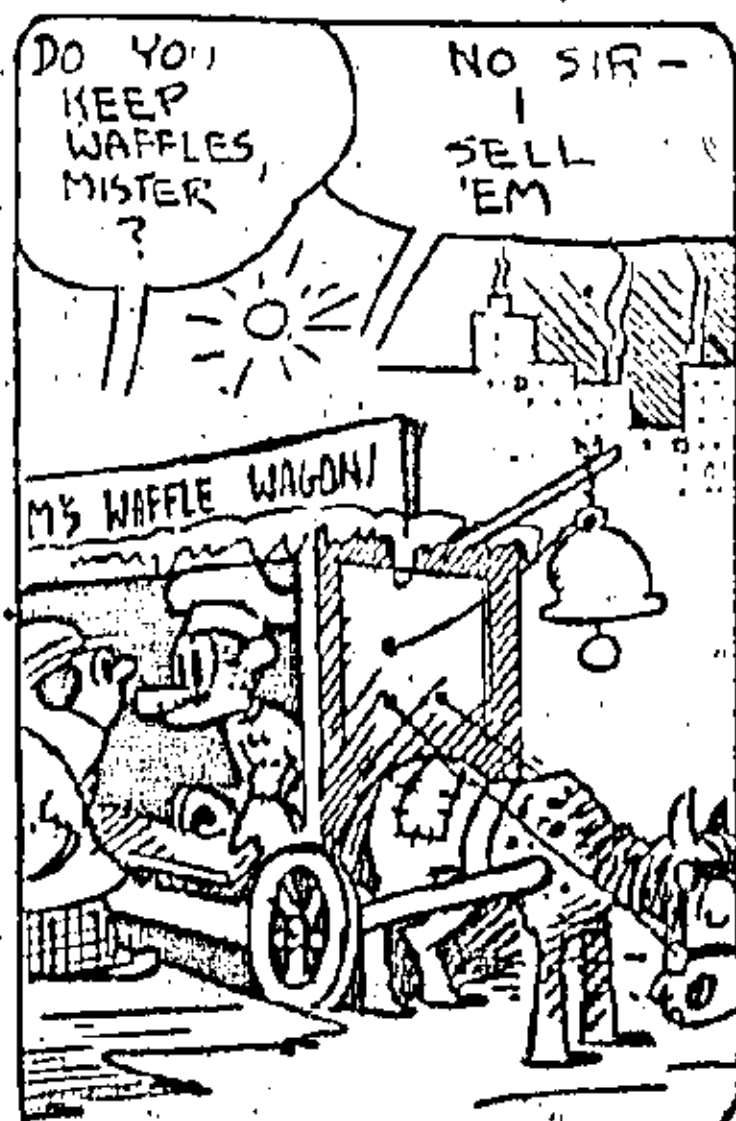
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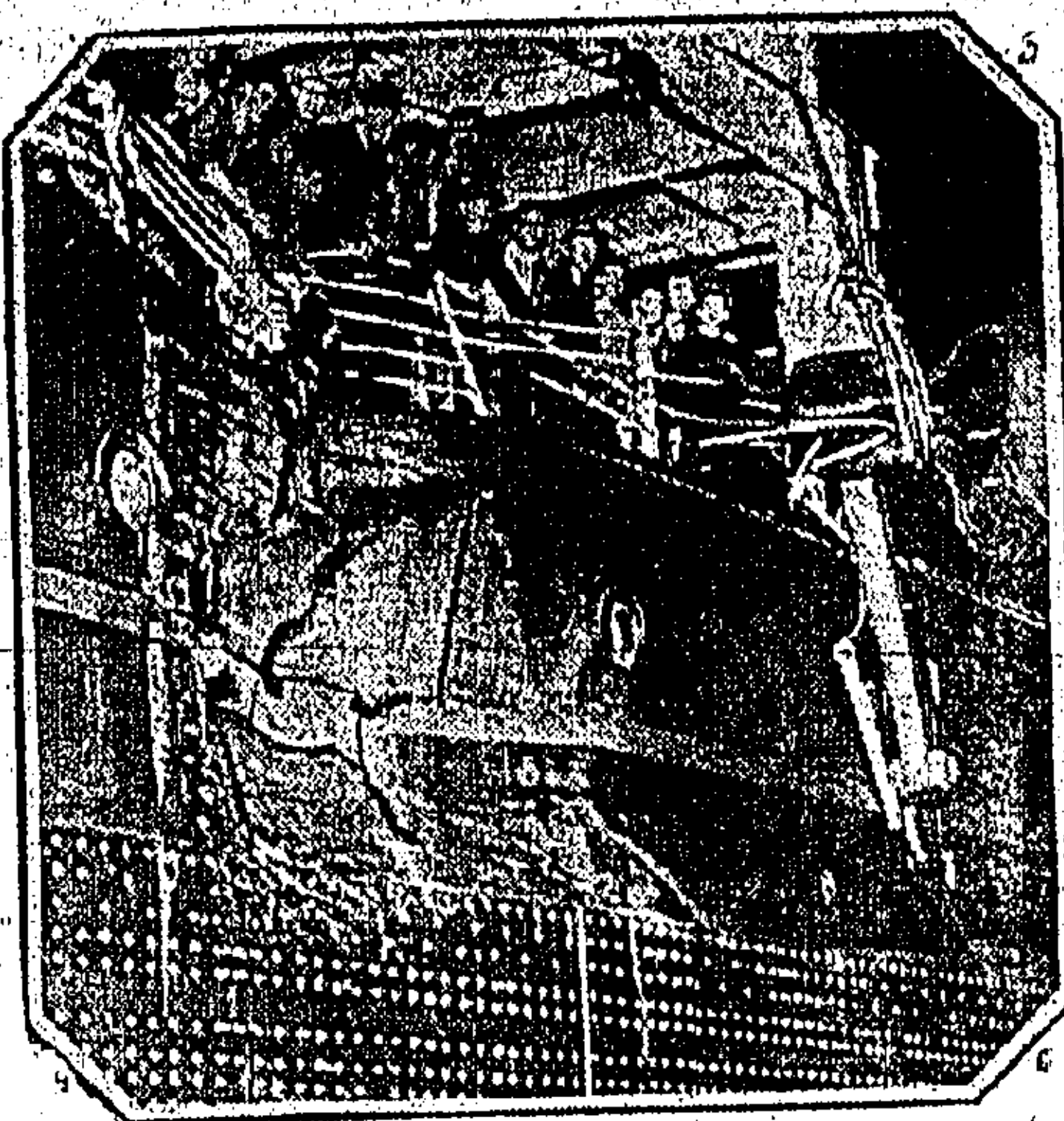
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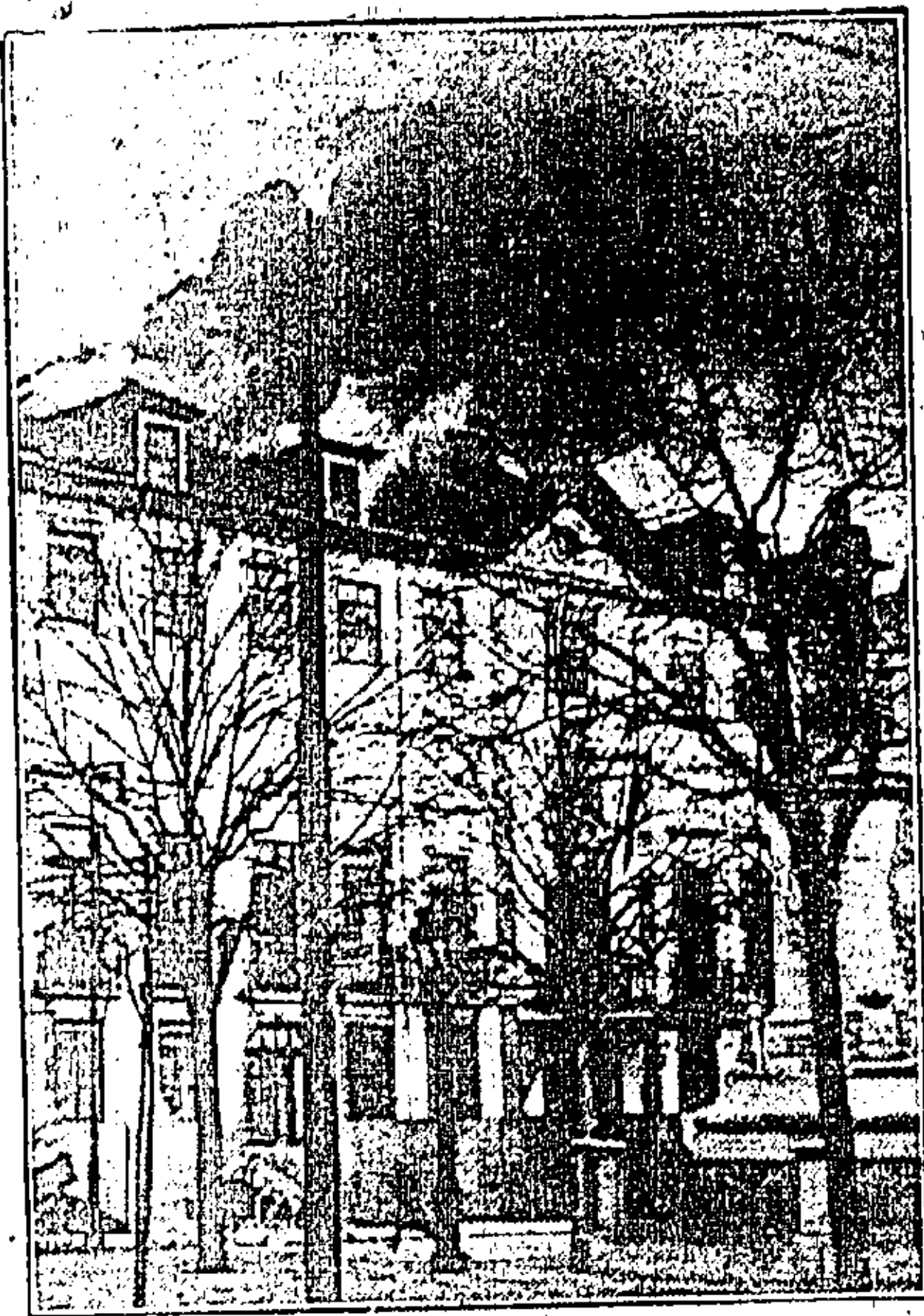
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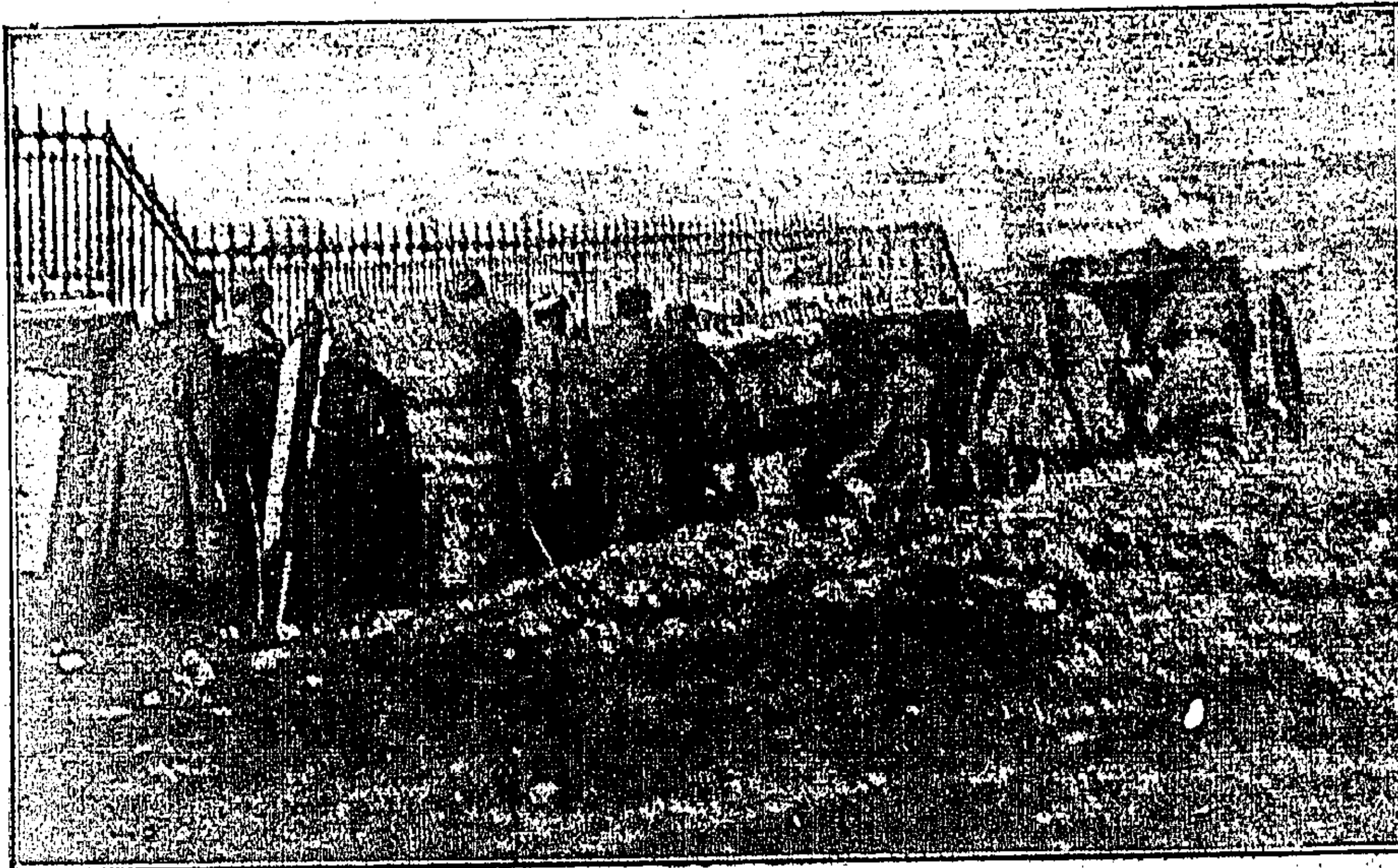
SCENE AT SHANGHAI RAILWAY STATION.—Our picture depicts a common scene now-a-days in the vicinity of the North Railway Station, Shanghai. Here we have members of the Shanghai Municipal Police, an officer of Fengtien troops, a constable in the Woosung-Shanghai Constabulary and several soldiers from Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's army, one of whom is armed with a spear.



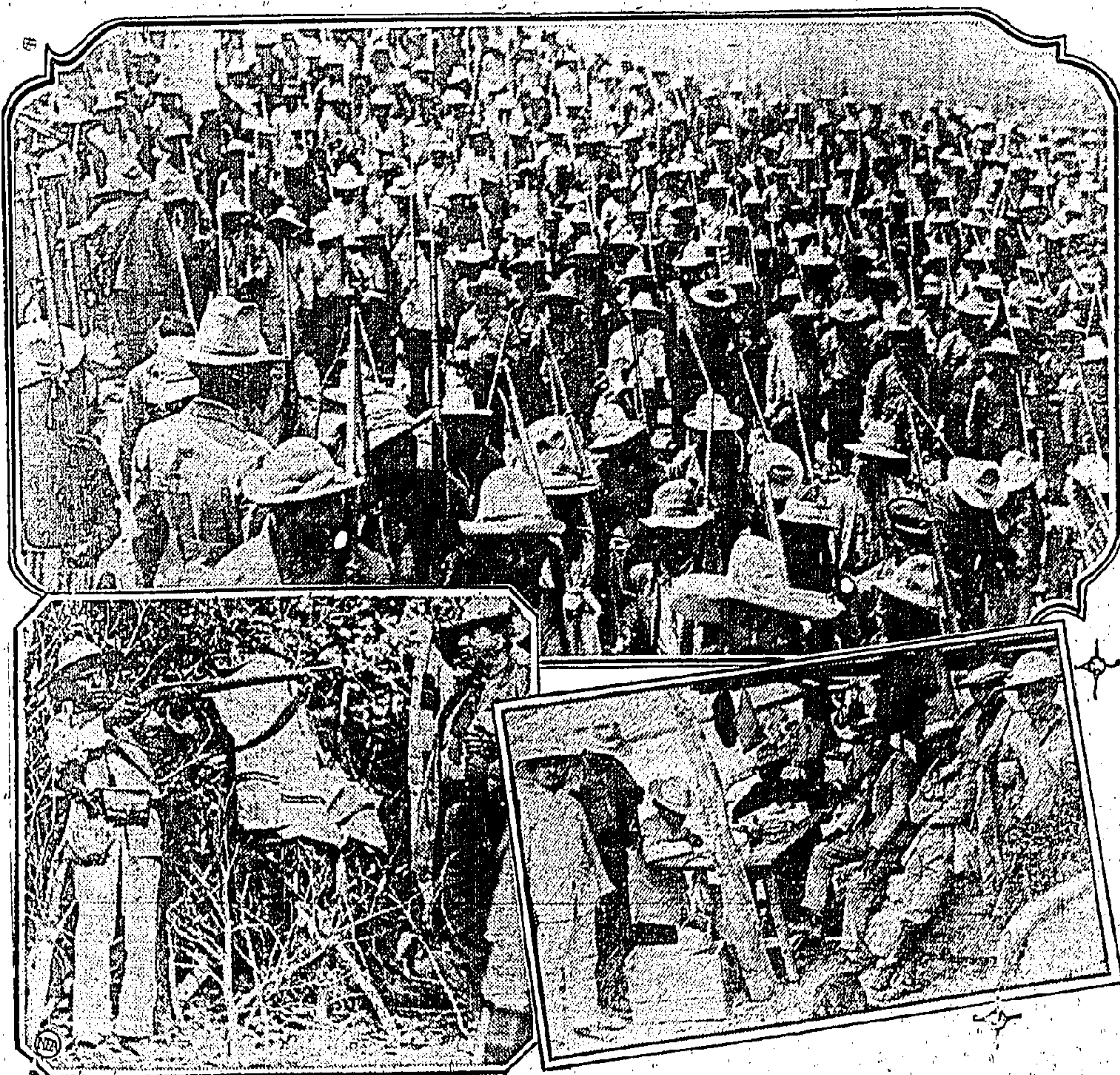
COLLISION IN FOG.—Spectres of the Titanic disaster were recalled by the collision in fog off Long Island between the great White Star liner Celtic and the Diamond Line freighter Anaconda. Fortunately, the damage the Celtic suffered on the port quarter, here pictured when she put into Boston, was high above the waterline. Stuck in her iron-clad hull was the Anaconda's anchor. No one was injured.



PORTUGUESE REVOLT.—The headquarters of the rebels at Oporto, the General Post Office, on fire after artillery bombardment. (Times copyright).



SHELLING OF LISBON.—There was great loss of life and much damage to property in Lisbon in the three days' street fighting which occurred when the revolt, led by disaffected political and military leaders, spread from Oporto to the Portuguese capital. Our picture shows Government artillery shelling Lisbon from the heights outside the town. (Times copyright).

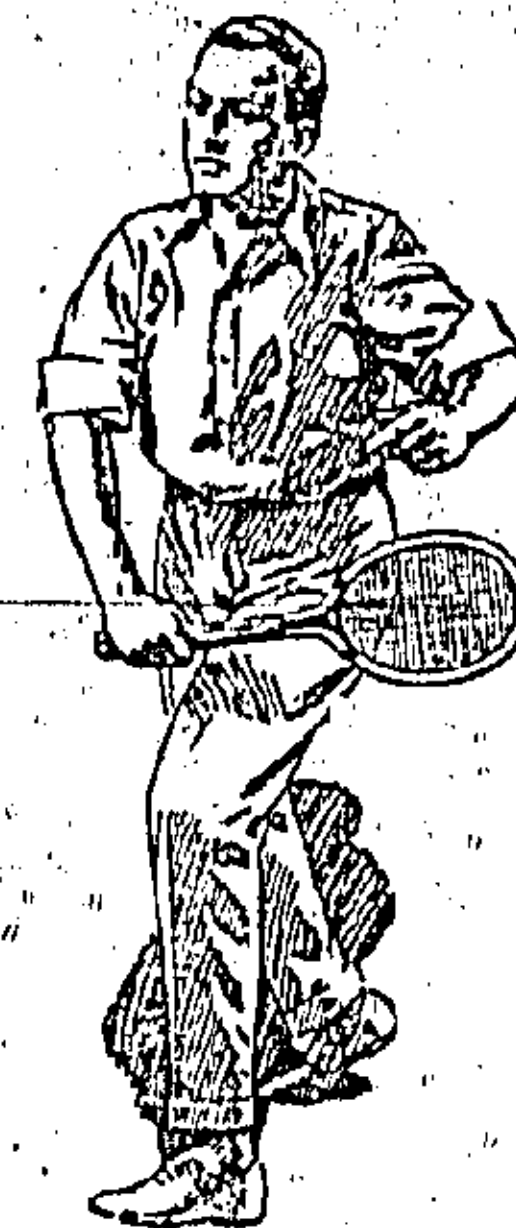


NICARAGUA AT WAR.—These photos of the troops of Adolfo Diaz, Conservative President of Nicaragua, actually preparing for war with the soldiers of Juan B. Sacasa, liberal claimant to the Presidency, afford an enlightening insight into the modernity of the weapons with which the warring Nicaraguan forces are equipped. Above is seen the Diaz infantry marshalled for the march while at left below a woman warrior is undergoing instruction in the use of her rifle. And at the right, conservative leaders are shown grouped about a military telegraph station receiving reconnaissance reports.



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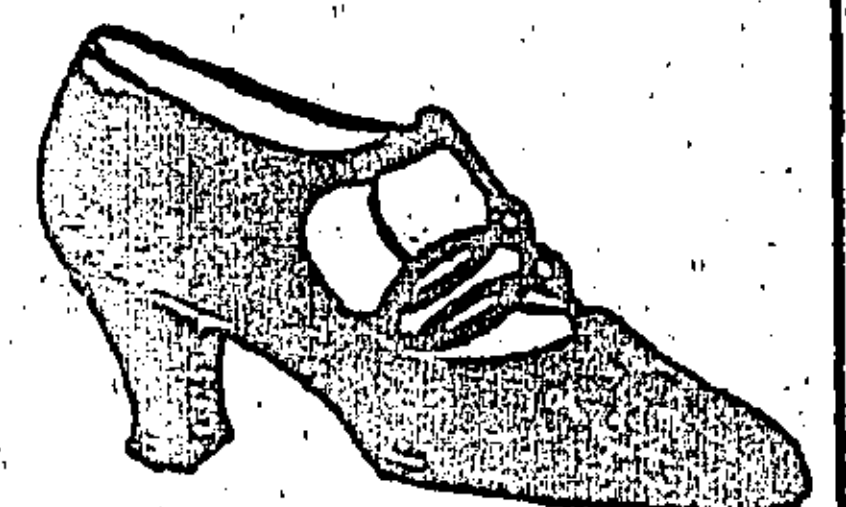
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By Order,

G. E. S. UPSDELL,

Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road C., Hongkong, on 31st March, 1927, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 31st March, 1927, both days inclusive.

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General Managers, Hongkong, 14th March, 1927.

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The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

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The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held in the Pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday, 28th inst., at 5.30 Clubs interested are asked to send a representative.

G. W. SEWELL,
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Executive Members and Consulting Members of the International Race Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., (I.R.R.C.) shall be held, for the purpose of arranging the coming Race Meeting on Friday, the 25th March, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. at Kom Hong Hall, 7, Lower Castle Road Hongkong.

Members of the said Committee are requested to attend the above-mentioned Meeting.

By Order,

"S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

Macao, 22 March, 1927.

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THE 38th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 22nd March, 1927, until Wednesday, the 30th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1927.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-second Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company, (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 18th day of March, to Monday, the 28th day of March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

John D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on Saturday, 26th March, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 17th to the 26th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order,

of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1927.

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To elect officers.

R. E. CABLE,

Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 29th March, 1927, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1927, (both days inclusive).

By Order,

of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Monday, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 23rd March, 1927, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1927.

NOTICE.

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The Forty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, 24th March, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1926, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, 18th March, 1927, until Thursday, 24th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, March 12, 1927.

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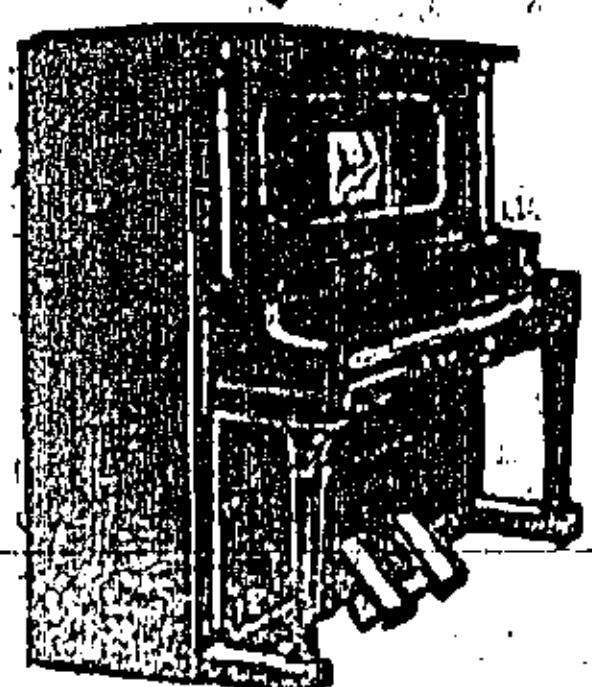
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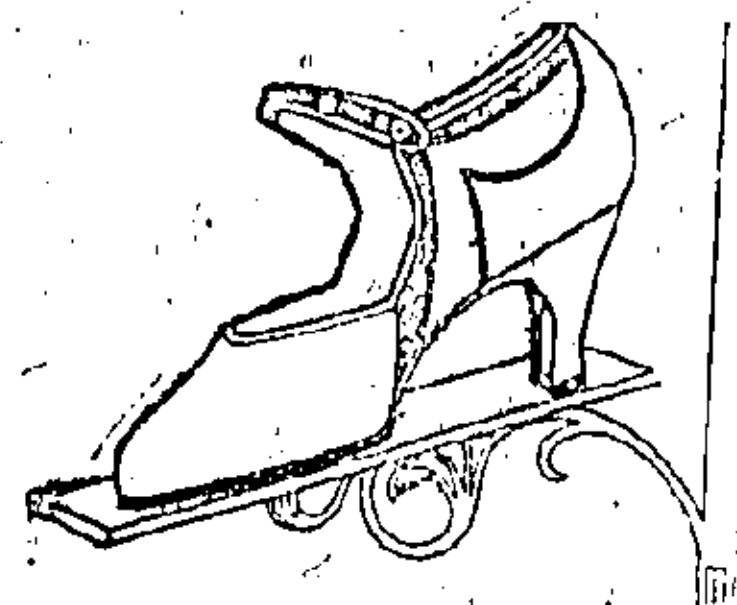
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ESTIMATES.MARKET IMPROVEMENTS
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An interesting discussion on the Estimates of the Sanitary Department for 1928 was initiated by Mr. J. P. Braga, on the presentation of the report of the Committee, at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. Mr. N. L. Smith presided, and the other members present were Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. G. W. Pope and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

The adoption of the report, which is given below, was proposed by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and seconded by Dr. Macgown.

"The Need for Economy."

Mr. J. P. Braga said: Sir.—There are two salient features in the Report of the Sub-Committee on the Estimates for 1928 which you kindly circulated to members last Friday. The first is in point of brevity, and the second the rigid economy exercised by the Sub-Committee. There is probably much to commend in the merits of both these features. On the other hand, they can be carried too far.

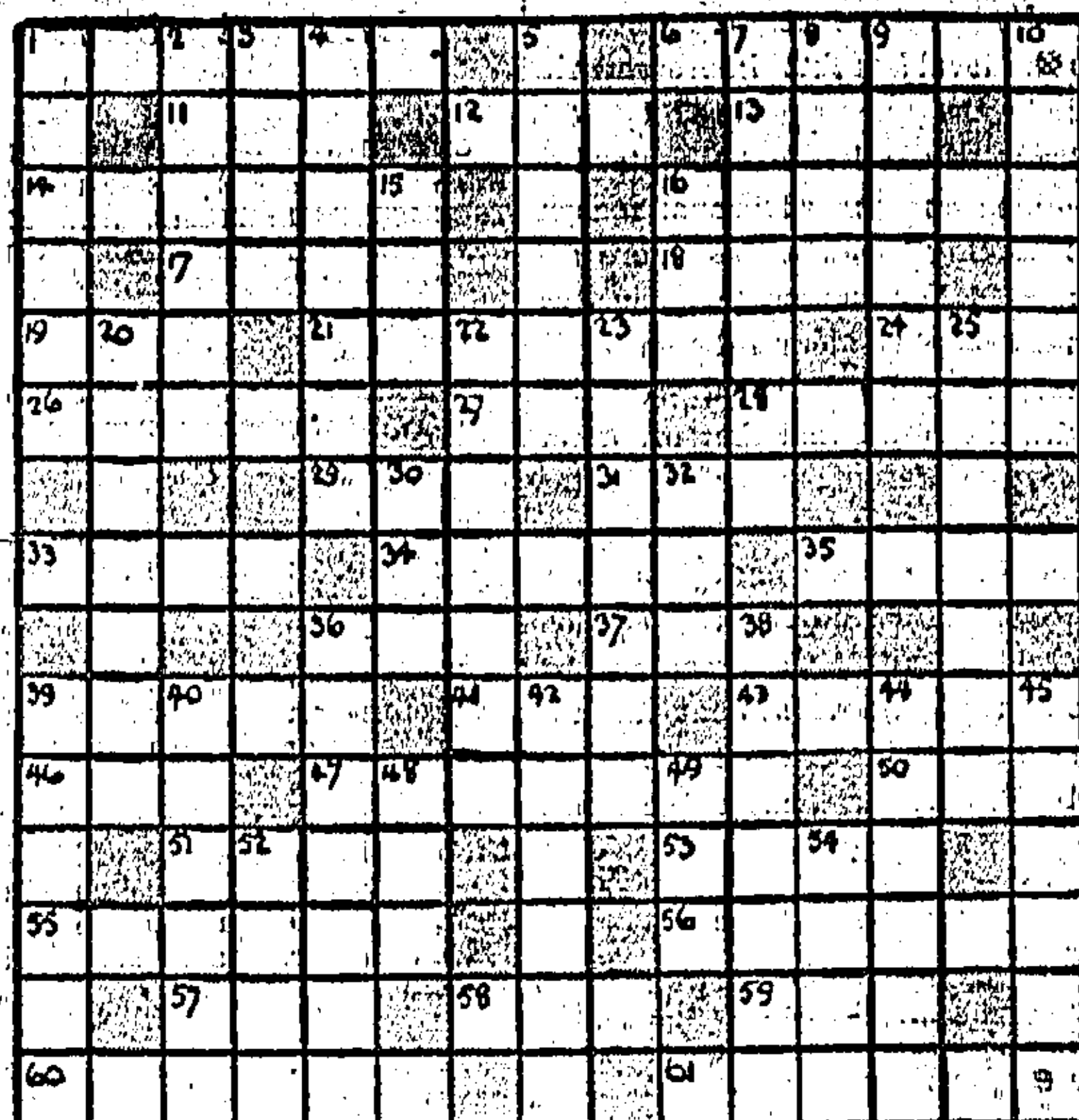
For example, in the second paragraph, the Board is informed that owing to "the need for economy" the Sub-Committee has "omitted a number of items of expenditure" which they would have included among their recommendations under more normal conditions. What those items of expenditure are, it is not stated. It would have been far more satisfactory if the Report had specified the desirable "item" of expenditure for the information of the Board. It should, I think, be left to the recommendation of the full Board whether the items that appealed to the Sub-Committee as advisable should be included in the Estimates or left in abeyance until more prosperous times.

Paragraph 3 mentions the omission under "Special Expenditure" of a vote for the motor meat-vans "which the Board has decided to be desirable for the conveyance of pork from slaughter-house to market." Is the cost of the motor-van so prohibitive as to make it necessary to defer its provision for the present? In many things Hongkong is held up with pride—and justly so—as a model Far Eastern city, but in other respects the Colony is at least a few years behind the times. It should be the endeavour of this Board to make the Sanitary Department as great a model as, for example, the roads are among those of the principal cities in the Far East. I hope, Sir, the Colony is not so impecunious that it cannot afford the price of a motor-van for the coming year.

Kowloon Tong Market.

In the matter of new markets, I see that provision has been made for Saiyungpun, Shamshui Po Extension and Apichau, respectively. Permit me, Sir, to remind you of the undertaking to submit the question of a market for Kowloon Tong before the Board in good time for inclusion in 1923 Estimates. I hope I may be pardoned if I urge this question of the Kowloon Tong Market to the point of irksome reiteration. I am pledged to the Kowloon Tong residents to keep the subject constantly before the Board. In this connexion I would like to lay stress on the letter from the Kowloon Tong Subscribers' Association, dated the 10th inst., in which they advance the plea of urgency of a market for Kowloon Tong. In a minute addressed to you on the 18th inst., I pointed out that the Kowloon Tong Estate scheme was started to relieve the congestion in the City residential area. The subscribers to the Kowloon Tong Scheme joined it on the pro-

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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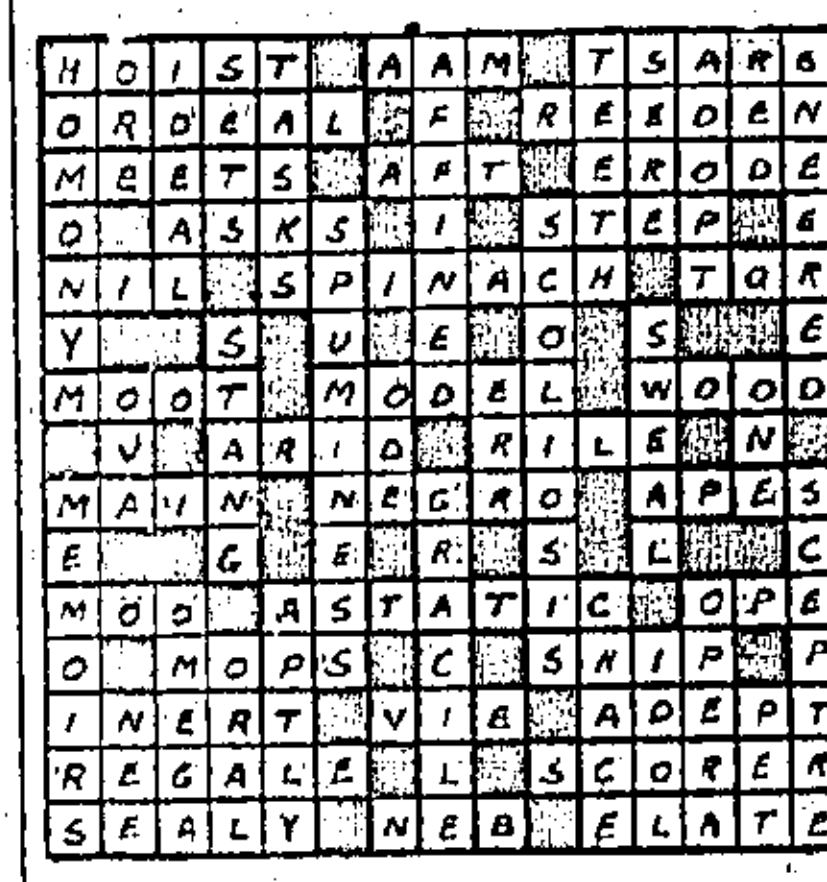
- 1 To furrow.
- 6 Pieces.
- 11 Mineral spring.
- 12 Unit.
- 13 Sped.
- 14 Vegetables.
- 15 Pertaining to Aonia.
- 17 Terminates.
- 18 Stray.
- 19 Error.
- 21 Eel trap.
- 24 Employ.
- 26 Vertical face of a step.
- 27 Even.
- 28 Rusted.
- 29 Ocean.
- 31 Sorrowful.
- 33 To measure.
- 34 Order.
- 35 Whoop.
- 36 Anger.
- 37 Portuguese coin.
- 39 Inflammable substance.
- 41 Cereal.
- 43 Wants.
- 46 Before.
- 47 Not planted with seed.
- 50 Free.
- 51 Uncommon.
- 53 Permits.
- 55 Acquired for study.
- 56 Spring.
- 57 Pastry.
- 58 Unwell.
- 59 Spawn of fishes.
- 60 Cakes.
- 61 Having strayed.

Down.

- 1 Correct.
- 2 Willows.
- 3 On.
- 4 Male of geese.
- 5 Writer.

- 7 Out of alignment.
- 8 Genus of Ranidae.
- 9 Intention.
- 10 Wronged.
- 15 Point of the compass.
- 16 Part of a circle.
- 20 One who fastens firmly.
- 22 Guides.
- 23 Draw screws from.
- 25 Inferiors.
- 30 Ever.
- 32 Consumed.
- 36 Intended.
- 38 Makes dear.
- 39 Truly.
- 40 Mexican blanket.
- 42 Countrymen.
- 44 Festival.
- 45 Shabby.
- 48 Sure.
- 49 Decrepitude.
- 52 Seed-covering.
- 54 Jog.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



mise that they would be given all the public facilities of a township. I consider a market within the district as an important facility and its provision should attract greater numbers to reside within the Kowloon Tong Estate.

Central Market.

I am not satisfied that the sanitary condition of the Central Market is as it should be. I would like to urge the desirability of making provision for the more hygienic condition of the meat stalls. The wooden meat blocks, which serve the double purpose of a counter as well as, in my opinion, out of date and should be replaced by tables of a non-porous material, easily cleansed and that will not absorb dust and dirt. I suggest for your consideration, Sir, whether it would not be advisable, in the interest of public health, for the Board to recommend to Government the adoption of tables with tops of porcelain enamel on rustless ingot iron. It is claimed for these tables that dirt cannot lodge on them, they will not bend, break, or chip; they are made for everlasting wear. I understand kitchen tables made of this material have been awarded the Certificate of the Institute of Hygiene. Their cost is not so high that the Government cannot afford to introduce them into the Central Market. At any rate, I trust, Sir, the Estimates Sub-Committee will

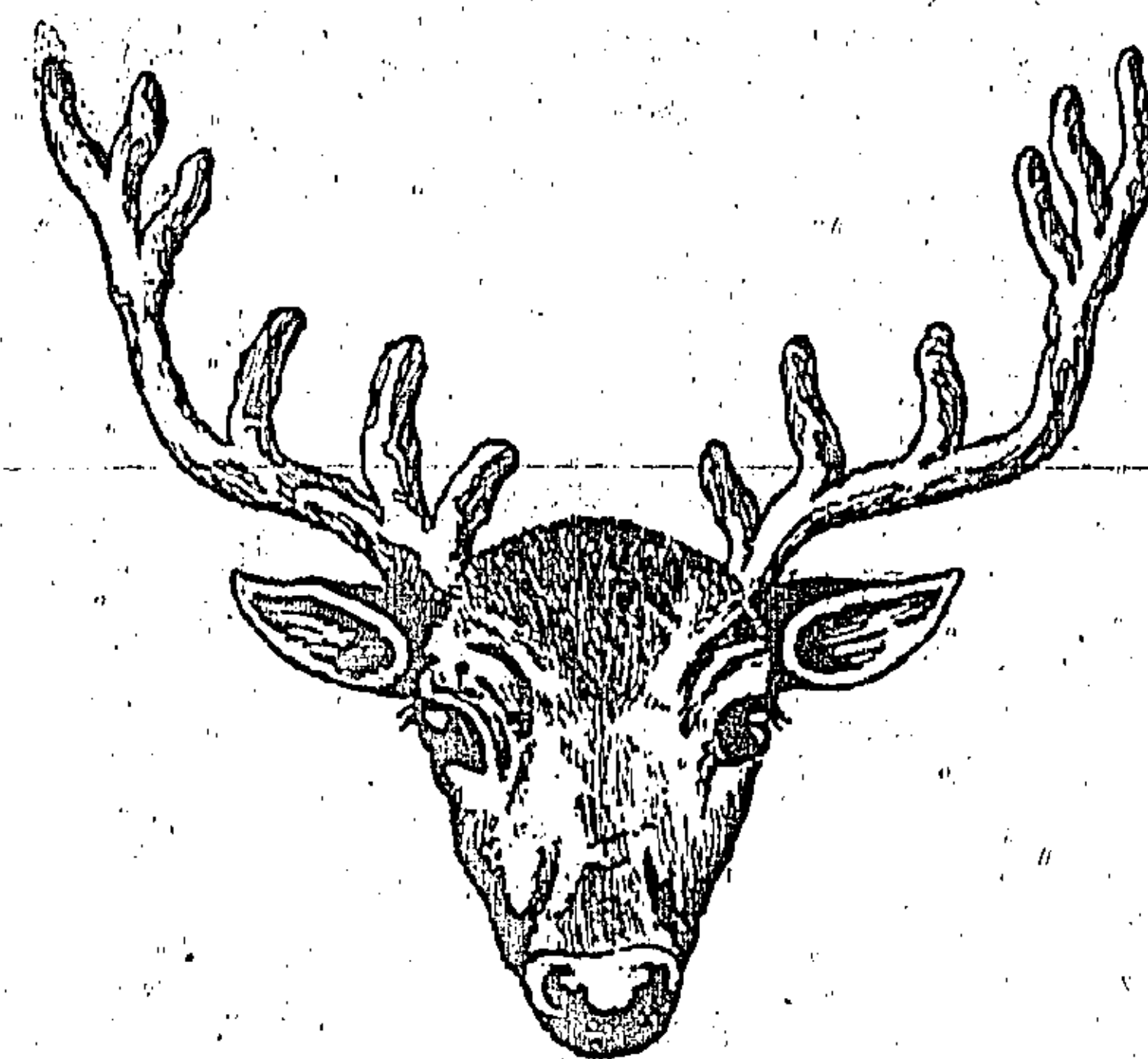
see their way to submit this recommendation to Government, and leave it to the Legislative Council to decide upon its adoption or rejection.

Hygienic Conditions.

The present wooden partitions between the stalls can also, with advantage, be improved. If my suggestions are adopted they will improve considerably the internal appearance of the Central Market at the same time as a more hygienic condition will be obtained. And if an improvement could be secured for the surface of the market floor, so that water will not collect in pools as at present, the attractiveness of the market may lead to its being better frequented by the womenfolk of the Colony.

If the women of Hongkong could be induced to make purchases in the markets themselves, and rely less on the compradore system in vogue as the purchasing medium for the daily table necessities of every European household, greater satisfaction will be obtained and bazaar expenses reduced in the same ratio. In this respect, I would venture the opinion that given a more wholesome internal condition of our principal market, European ladies would find greater inducement to visit it. It is only the lead that is required. If a few among our lady social leaders could show the way, others would follow.

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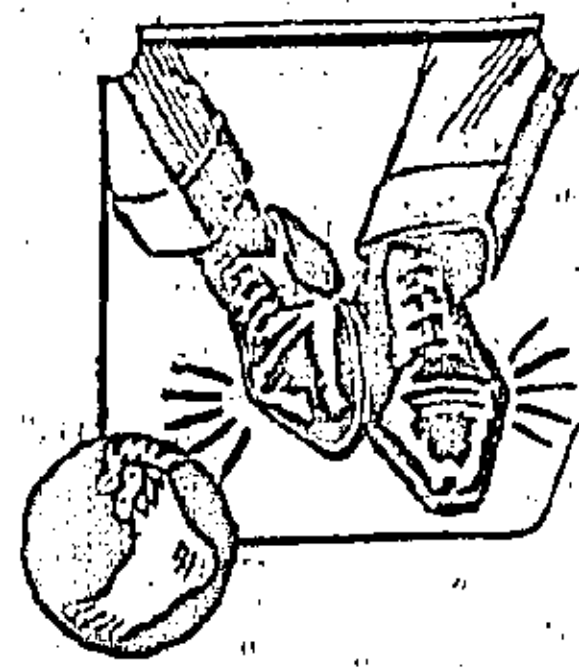
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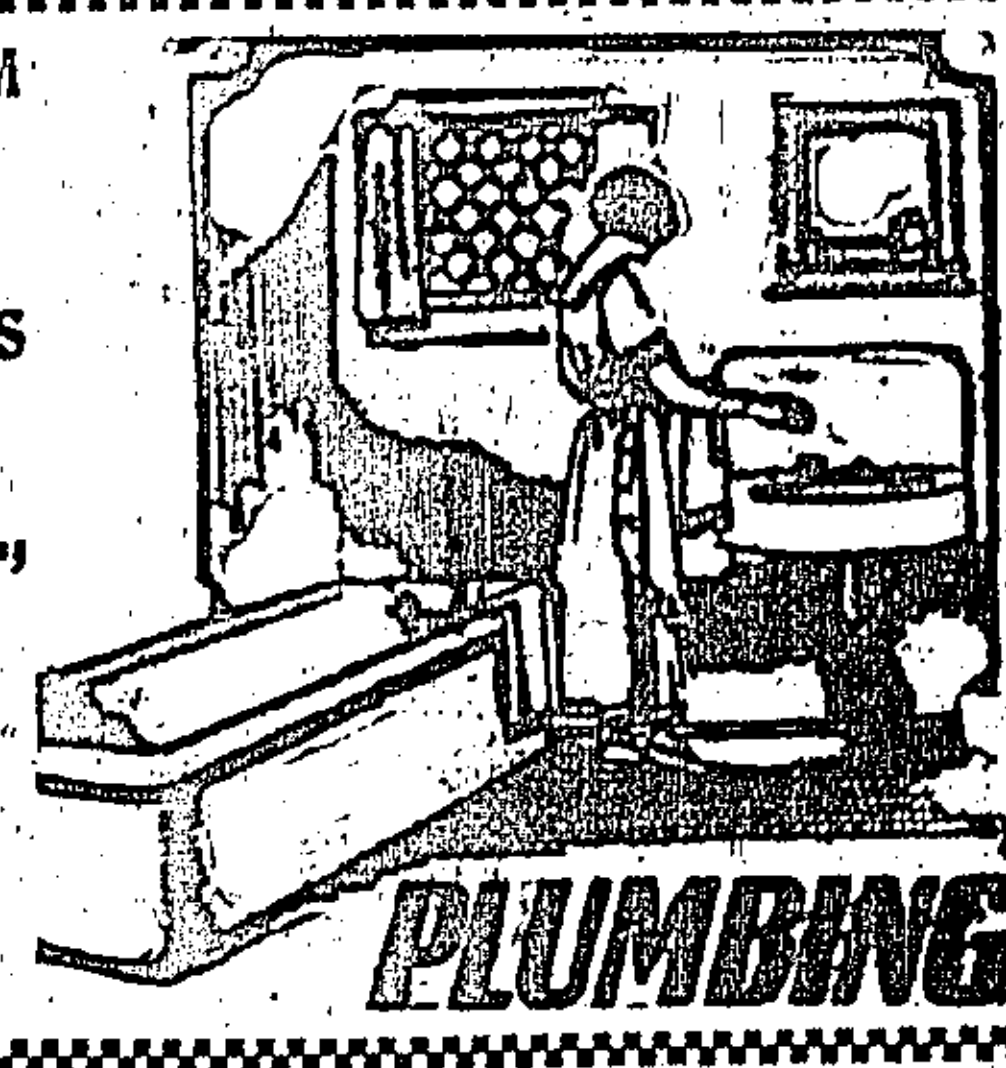
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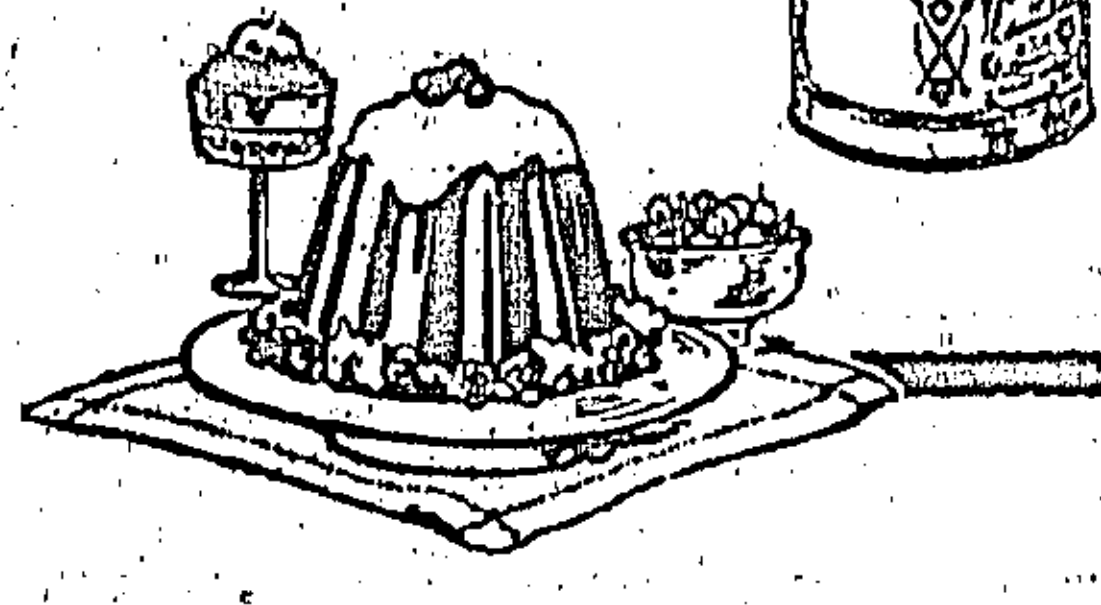
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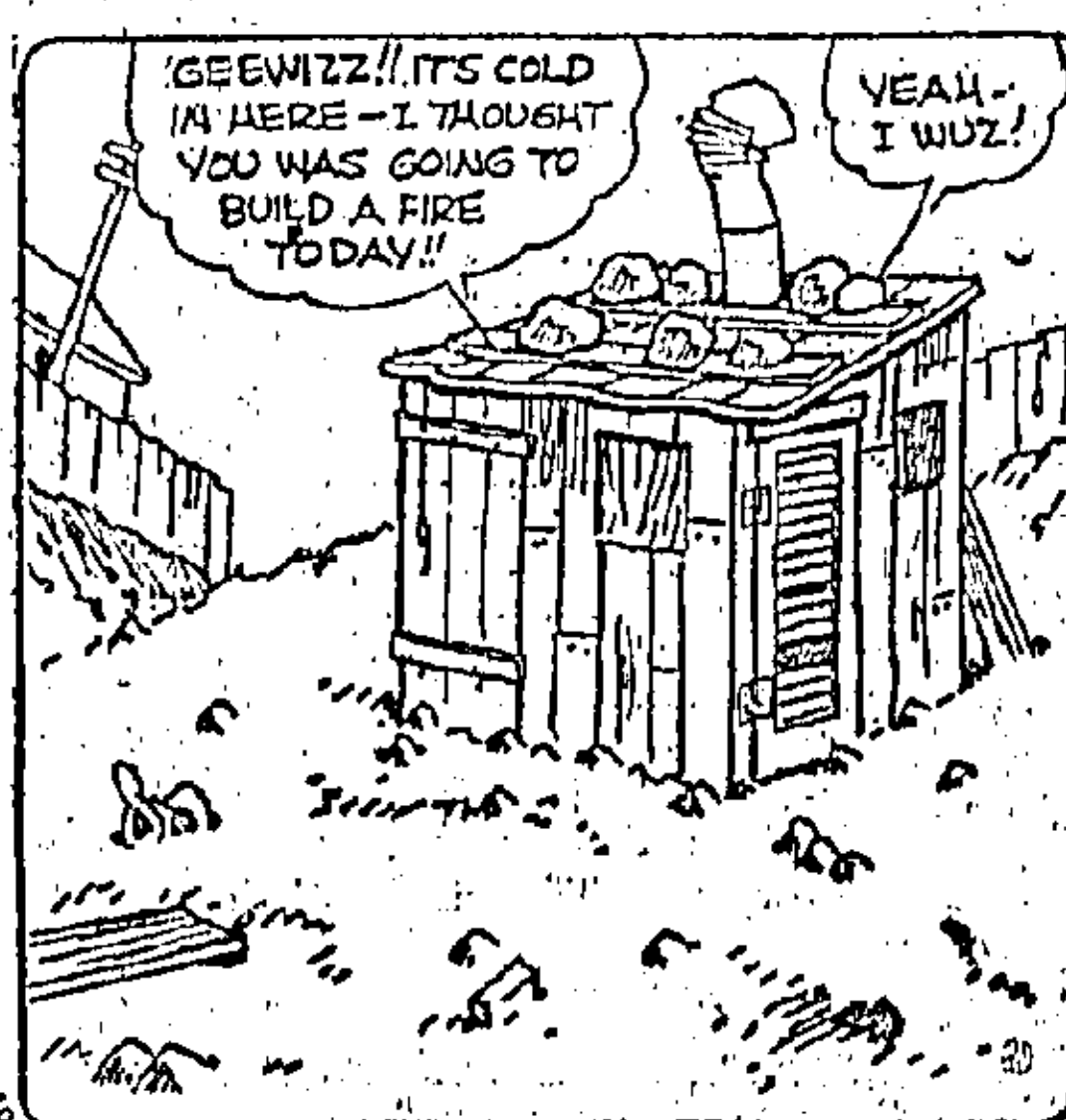
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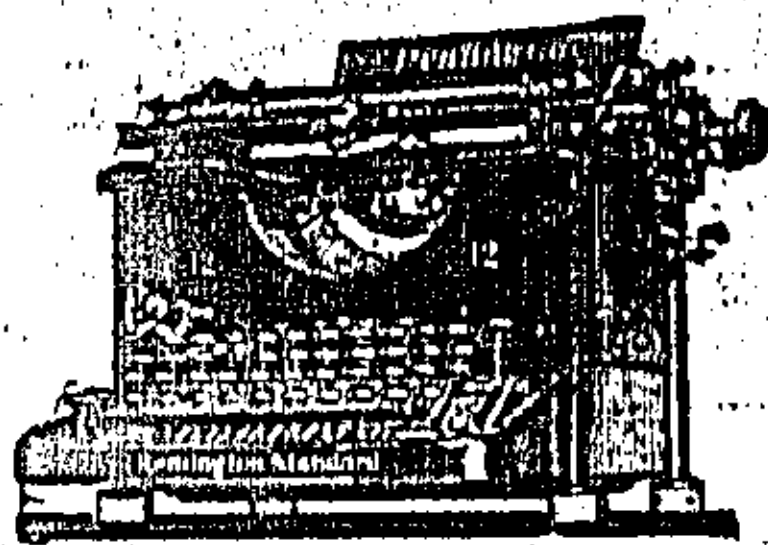
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OUR MARKETS.

Since his appointment to a seat on the Sanitary Board, Mr. J. P. Braga has been serving the community most admirably by bringing forward quite a number of matters of distinct public importance. At yesterday's meeting, he was again to the fore with some pertinent observations regarding the condition of the Central Market, and what he said in this connexion could be applied with equal force to other markets in the Colony. We do not at the moment know when the Central Market was built, but we think it will be generally agreed that it is at present not quite the place that it should be so far as hygienic conditions are concerned. True, as in the case of other local markets, it is kept under quite strict supervision by the sanitary authorities, but for which it would no doubt be in a far worse state than it now is. But we agree with Mr. Braga that it needs brightening up and modernising, so as to make it far more attractive as a purchasing centre.

The meat stalls at the Central Market and similar places are in distinct need of improvement, especially in regard to the use of wooden blocks and counters which in course of time must become most unhygienic, especially in the hot summer months. There are also in our markets far too many internal structures and partitions, the presence of which keeps out a great deal of much-needed light. At the Wanchai Market, for instance, we have often noticed, in passing, the dark and gloomy appearance of the interior, and both here and at the Central Market it is necessary to use artificial light for illumination purposes throughout the greater part of the day. The windows, too, at the former place are usually barred up with thick fir poles as though the market were a prison, and the whole surroundings are in distinct contrast to those of what a modern market should be. We suppose it is to be expected that these places where meat and fish are sold should possess a somewhat objectionable atmosphere, but we do think that matters in this respect would be materially altered for the better if a campaign of improvement were begun. Apart from the benefits to

public health which should accrue from local market improvements along the lines indicated by Mr. Braga, there is, as he yesterday pointed out, the additional reason of making these centres more attractive for customers. Far too many householders rely on their compradores for food supplies with the result that they often get very indifferent produce. Better and brighter markets would have the effect of inducing housewives to make direct purchases, and this would be all to the good in the long run. We trust that the authorities will take due note of Mr. Braga's excellent suggestions.

Is a Nut a "Fruit"?

It will be very interesting to see whether it is decided by the Police Magistrate that a water chestnut is a fruit or whether it is a vegetable, for the hawk who has raised the defence that by selling water chestnuts he was selling fruit, and not a vegetable, has set the Court a poser. The Sanitary Department, it seems, thinks that the water chestnut is a fruit because it can be eaten raw; his Worship thought it was a fruit if it grew on a tree; and Sergeant Dixon did not seem to be very certain. Neither are we, and we have turned up the point in our ponderous office dictionary, only to find that it depends on whether you are speaking in botanical terms or in popular language as to what you call such-like products. Let us quote:—"In botany, a fruit of a flowering plant is the matured seed-vessel and its contents, together with such necessary parts as become finally incorporated with them. Thus, in the botanical sense, not only apples, pears, peaches, tomatoes, figs, etc., but all berries, nuts, grains, beans, peas, pumpkins, squashes, cucumbers, and melons, as well as pine-cones and many other products, however, become much narrower. The grains have been dropped and the tendency to drop nuts also, so that a fruit is now generally understood to be the fleshy and juicy product of some plant, usually tree or shrub (and nearly always containing the seed), which when ripe is edible without cooking, and adapted for use as a desert rather than as a salad. The guinea, however, though usually cooked before eating, is classed among the fruits. A vegetable, in the popular sense, is any part of a herbaceous plant commonly used for culinary purposes, and may consist of the root, as in the beet and the turnip; the stem, as in asparagus, celery and rhubarb; a tuber or underground stem, as in the potato; the foliage, as in cabbage and spinach; or of that which is, botanically, the fruit, as in the tomato, pea, bean and egg-plant. Thus a tomato is both a fruit and a vegetable, though for table use and in the garden and market it ranks as a vegetable only. In like manner, the pumpkin and squash, which are botanically fruits, are classed as vegetables, while the melon, which is of the same family, is termed a fruit. Edible products that grow underground are commonly classed as vegetables, whether edible roots, as the beet, turnip, carrot, onions and potatoes, which are not true roots, but modified stems. Peanuts (ground nuts) are true fruits, though ripening underground. The fruit of the potato is the so-called potato ball, which is botanically a berry." The above quotation would seem to leave the Magistrate trying the hawk's case plenty of room for the exercise of choice.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 22.
Paris	124
Brussels	123
Amsterdam	121 1/2
Berlin	20 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2
Vienna	34 1/2
Helsingfors	102 1/2
Lisbon	237 1/2
Bucharest	825 1/2
Bombay	1/11 1/2
Hongkong	4 1/2
New York	26 1/2
Shanghai	105 1/2
Milan	18 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2
Oslo	18 1/2
Prague	104
Madrid	27 1/2
Athens	47 1/2
Buenos Aires	2 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander-Sinclair, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, China Station, had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on Feb. 9.

DAY BY DAY.

ONE THING I HAVE LEARN'T, THAT HEAVEN MAY BE REACHED AND TOUCHED EVERYWHERE, AND THAT ONE CAN HELP OR HINDER HAPPINESS BY A TINY WORD.—Amy Le Feuvre.

The health return for yesterday shows two further Chinese cases of small-pox.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles yesterday at 7 a.m.

The s.s. Empress of Russia left Vancouver on the 19th inst., and is due here on the 8th April.

A reception is to be given at the Club Lusitano in honour of Dr. Jose Caetano Soares of Macao on Friday next, at 5.30 p.m., to which all friends of Dr. Soares are cordially invited.

To-day's Harbour Office reports gave six arrivals and 17 departures, the British figures being three and seven respectively, leaving 63 vessels in harbour, of which 22 were British.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral by Mr. Frederick Mason, the Cathedral Organist, assisted by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, (Soprano), on Friday, March 25th, at 5.45 p.m.—Advt.

Two raids were carried out by police at Jervois Street, yesterday, resulting in the recovery from different houses of a number of thermos flasks stolen in a recent robbery. No arrests were effected.

A Chinese woman took her life at a hut at Shaokwan yesterday. She was found hanging from a beam, and death appeared to have occurred some hours before the discovery of the remains by a friend.

In our reference yesterday to the series of burglaries committed in Hongkong during the past six years we erroneously stated that the robbery at Messrs. Ullmann's occurred in 1925. It actually took place in May, 1920, in the old premises in Queen's Road.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole, Wing Ting, master of a trading junk, charged with navigating the harbour without lights, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

There was another case of a Chinese bitten by a dog yesterday, the victim, who is a small boy living at Sai Street, being taken to the Government Civil Hospital. It is also reported that a Chinese woman at Wanchai was bitten by a chow dog. In both cases, the animals were secured and taken to the depot at Kennedy Town.

We are advised by the Colonial Secretariat that, according to information from the Postal Commissioner at Hankow, the Nationalist Government has decided to censor all foreign mails incoming and outgoing addressed to private individuals, exception being made for all official correspondence clearly addressed to Consular Officials and Commanding Officers of men-of-war.

Government organizations in Canton have been informed by Mr. Lo Min, managing director of the Canton-Samshui and the Canton-Kowloon Railways, that the two railways will henceforth be under the control of one management, which will be established at the head office of the latter railway. This arrangement has been made in compliance with an order issued recently by Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Communications.

The gunboat Hai Au of the Fukien Navy arrived in Canton from Amoy on Sunday. The political section of the Naval Department is planning to give the officers and crew a welcome. This gunboat formerly belonged to the fleet controlled by Chou Yin-jen, the defeated warlord of Fukien. Arrangements will be made to train the marines on board in Party principles. Leaflets explaining Kuomintang principles have already been distributed to them.

Under the personal direction of Mr. D. F. Robertson, of the D. F. Robertson Travel Bureau, Los Angeles, a party of sixty Californians are due to arrive at Hongkong on April 11th on the s.s. President Polk, en route around the world. Included in the party are Mr. Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., son of General Ulysses S. Grant, former President of the U. S. A., accompanied by Mrs. Grant; Mr. R. B. Lane, prominent capitalist of Los Angeles, accompanied by Mrs. Lane and son; Mr. Walter Ralphs, President of Ralphs Grocery Company, of Los Angeles, accompanied by Mrs. Ralphs, son and daughter. The party will proceed from Hongkong to the Philippines, Ceylon, Egypt, Palestine and on arrival at Naples, will proceed by automobile through Europe.

SUNNING PIRACY.

LAST TWO PRISONERS ON TRIAL.

The trial of the two remaining prisoners charged in connexion with the Sunning piracy began before Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Captain J. Pringle, the master, identified No. 2 prisoner as one of the men who guarded him on the bridge.

Mr. H. K. Holmes is conducting the case for the Crown, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue, is defending. After recapitulating the events which led up to the capture of the ship by armed pirates, Captain Pringle said he identified No. 2 prisoner as one of the suspects who were handed over to the boarding party from H.M.S. Bluebell. He was one of the men who was struck on the head by the mate with a rifle on the bridge, and in the morning witness saw him lying on the main deck. He could not say how he got there.

Witness also recognised him as a man who was standing by him when the s.s. Anhui passed them, and who patted him on the back.

His Lordship:—Quite a friendly act?

Capt. Pringle:—Yes, I was astonished.

Witness added that he particularly noticed the prisoner because he seemed to be more of a seafaring man than the others.

Replying to Mr. Alabaster, witness said he understood that both the pirates who were guarding him on the bridge were hit with the ship's lead, and the second prisoner was also later struck with a rifle when he recovered consciousness. As far as he knew, neither of them were fired at.

Mr. Alabaster asked witness if he knew No. 2 prisoner was wounded by bullets. He went on to read the doctor's report which stated there were wounds which might have been caused by bullets, and one bullet, a 45 revolver bullet, was actually extracted from the man's body.

Witness replied that while he was on the wing of the bridge, shots were fired in the centre of the bridge, but he was confident that the man he saw on the main deck was the same as the one who was knocked out on the bridge, which was the second prisoner.

In reply to Mr. Holmes, witness said he could not say whether it was possible for the man to have been hit by shots fired by the attacking pirates.

The case is proceeding.

**CONTINENTALS
CHARGED.**

**LAWYER WHO UNDERSTANDS
RUSSIAN.**

When the Atsuta Maru yesterday arrived in port from Marseilles, preventive officers boarded her as a matter of routine, as she was lying tied up alongside one of the Kowloon wharves. Searching the effects of two Continental passengers, a Rumanian and a young Polish woman who were travelling together, they found, secreted in a wardrobe, 660 ounces of heroin, of which the value is \$6,600, according to local estimates, which are based on their marketable prices in the Far East.

Arising from this discovery, the two passengers were charged with possession of the drug before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. The Rumanian gave his name as George Statinross, while the woman stated that she was Helena Rogovi, a native of Poland.

Mr. F. G. Vaux appeared for the defence, and, informing his Worship that he understood spoken Russian, asked for leave to interview his clients for their instructions. He was, at that stage, unable to plead one way or the other and should like to hear more of their statements.

Leave for the interview having been granted, Mr. Vaux was closeted with his clients for a quarter of an hour, at the end of which he reappeared in Court and applied for a short formal remand, to go more fully into the matter.

Senior Revenue Officer George Watt, who prosecuted, said that the Crown Solicitor would be appearing in the case.

Regarding bail, his Worship said the penalty fixed by Ordinance being ten times the value of the seized drug, the Court could not make the bail less than \$10,000.

Defendants, being unable to find this amount, were remanded in police custody until Saturday at ten o'clock.

Beginning from April 1st, says the Canton Gazette, one more express train service will run daily between Canton and Kowloon; the Canton-Kowloon Railway authorities announce. Additional locomotives and carriages are being refitted for the purpose.

The Very Idea!

It came as a surprise to me (writes a correspondent) to learn that there exists an Aberdonian who objects to fun being poked at the granite city, and its hard-headed inhabitants. I always imagined them of the same stamp as Ford, the man who makes the cars. He keeps in his employment a man whose sole duty is to make jokes about the cars, the monkey that runs along to pick up the nuts, and so forth. They advertise the car, they keep the "Ford" in everybody's mouth. So many Aberdonians appear in "Punch" that I am persuaded that they keep an Aberdonian on their staff in order to ensure a regular supply. I once spent an evening at the house of an Aberdonian friend in a London suburb. My host had sent out a whip to all the Aberdonians he knew, and they came to a man (and woman) to hear all the stories I could tell against Aberdonian. Twenty-two grown-ups, all Aberdonian by birth or parentage, repeated after me that favourite sentiment: "Tak' awa' Aberdonian an' twal mile round," and so forth.

I have long cherished the idea that we in Scotland paid the best compliment we could to our friends in the North by picking up all the stories we could hear about the thrifty Scot of tradition, labelling them "Aberdonian," and passing them on. I thought the Aberdonians liked the game. Perhaps, however, it is only the travelled specimens of the race who do. By the way, it is an open question as to whether it was Oliver Cromwell or Max O'Rell who first made a joke at the expense of the Aberdonians. At all events, it was an alien of some description. Max O'Rell's joke was concerning the two Jews who were to be found at Aberdon. They could not leave because they could not raise the railway fare. That story has been told in a thousand forms. The point I want to make is that it was the distinguished French humorist who first told it. This reminds me of the story of the Jew who sent his son from Edinburgh to Aberdon to learn a certain branch of shopkeeping. The son, on his return, was adjured not to sell a certain article under \$2. He sold it for \$1.99. His father told the father he had saved a penny. No receipt stamp was needed!

"Where are you going, pretty maid?"
Said he, "I wish to know."
She didn't tell him where, but she snuck.
She told HIM where to go.

The Duke and Duchess of York seem to be fortunate in their fellow-travellers. Not always is there a Royal Jester at hand so equal to the demands of equatorial terminology as the inventor of the new dignities of the Renown.

The Order of the Flattened Kipper.
The Order of the Tainted Haddock.
The Order of the Golden Mermaid.
The Order of the Cocked Hat of the Horse Marines.
The Order of the Hound, Marine and Ancient.
The Order of the Old Sea Dog.
The Line can have been seldom crossed in better spirits.

Husband, at Willesden: I am a private inquiry agent, and am earning nothing. Wife: Anyhow, I got a friend to make private inquiries about him, and my husband told him he was "full up with work."

Lambeth man: He said, "Come and have a drink on this conspicuous occasion."

Barrister, at Shoreditch: He is a man who has overpaid money by mistake. Judge Cluer: Have you a glass case or a museum to put him in?

Judge Cluer at Shoreditch: Doctors are much more civil to each other than lawyers.

The fines of three of four offenders at Tottenham were paid by strangers occupying seats in the public part of the court.

Man, at Tottenham: I was told to go out, so I picked up my things and went out like a man.

Paris, Nov. 00.—Cardinal Dubois, archbishop of Paris, has confessed himself converted to the movies, after a visit to a studio where he saw a film made. Wearing smoked glasses to protect his eyes from the light, the cardinal watched the making of the film for a whole morning.

The Taiyo Maru departed for Shanghai and San Francisco with a heavy passenger list, among those travelling being Mr. R. Hildebrand, Revd. G. Byrne, Dr. C. T. Kew, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gadsby, Mr. R. Ponsonby Fane, Mr. F. A. Crampton, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Fearon, Mr. W. E. Bailey and Mr. L. Quarborg.

HOPSANG PIRACY.

SUCCESSFUL MIDNIGHT COUP.

HAINING'S GOOD FORTUNE.

That the original objective of the pirate gang was the looting of the Douglas Company's s.s. Haining, and that on her failure to put into Swatow, the attack on the Hopsang was chosen as the only alternative to going away empty, was a feature which lent additional interest to the story told to pressmen yesterday by the officers of the latest victim of pirate activity on the China Coast.

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Hopsang fell an easy prey to the pirates, some of whom had stowed away while others travelled as passengers. The rush for the bridge was timed for midnight when the Third Officer was the only European on duty. Two armed men stole on him from behind, and he was effectively covered before he became aware that anything was amiss.

Surprised in Cabins.

Capt. W. J. Booker, the master, whose first trip it was since he returned from home leave, was awakened and held up at the point of the pistol on emerging from his cabin, and the other officers were similarly subjected one by one. All the officers were taken to the Second Officer's room, and kept under guard.

Only a Dutch passenger named Kruger offered resistance. He had intended to travel to Hongkong by the Haining but had perforce to accept sleeping accommodation in the saloon of the Hopsang. He was rudely awakened by two pirates shortly after midnight, and seeing, he stated, that the revolvers they carried were but wooden dummies, he threw them out without more ado.

Shot And Stunned.

Six armed men attacked him a few minutes later, and two shots were fired one taking effect in his leg, while he was stunned by a blow over the head with the butt of a revolver. His injuries were not serious, and the pirates apologized to the master for the necessity, they said, of hurting him. Mr. Kruger was taken to the French Hospital on the arrival of the Hopsang in port, but we were informed that his stay is likely to be a short one.

Nine Hours In Control.

The pirates had control of the vessel from 11:45 p.m. on Monday until 8:47 a.m. yesterday, some nine hours. The ship's quarter-masters took an opportunity to make themselves scarce at the start of the trouble, and the wheel was taken by the Second and Third Officers in turn, Capt. W. J. Booker taking charge of the navigation. The Hopsang was once passed by an unknown vessel which enquired her name, and the pirates threatened to set fire to the steamer if attention was attracted.

Bias Bay was reached at about 8:15 a.m. yesterday, and the booty which had been collected on the deck, consisting almost entirely of personal baggage, was loaded into the sampans which came alongside immediately. The total value of the pirate haul is estimated to be well over \$10,000, at least \$8,000 of which was cash and banknotes.

Officers' Losses.

No attempt was made to interfere with a valuable cargo of piece goods. All the officers of the vessel were robbed. Mr. Piveteau, the Chief Engineer, was left with only an old tunic and a pair of white gabardine trousers, the Chief Officer, who spent the night in pyjamas, lost every particle of his shore clothes, but was allowed to retain his uniform suits. The Third Engineer lost about \$400 in cash, and clothing valued at \$800. The others were similarly treated.

It seems that about eighteen pirates took part in the outrage, and since Piracy Regulations do not apply to the Hopsang, which is a cargo boat, allowed to carry only twelve passengers, their task was simple. The Chief Officer who stood on the fore-castle during the time the vessel was at Bias Bay and watched the departure of the pirates in sampans says that he saw no-one taken away as hostage. A Chinese gentleman, however, who waited on the Jardine Wharf at West Point for his sister last night, said that she had not arrived as expected and he expressed a fear that she had been kidnapped.

MOTOR TOUTS.

TWO MORE FINED.

Two Chinese were charged to-day, before Major C. Willson, with toutting for motor-car hire at the Pedder Street stand last evening.

Sergeant Baker, of the Traffic Police, said he observed all their actions from an upper floor of the Post Office Building, having posted himself there for the purpose. A fine of \$10 was imposed in both cases.

RELATIVES QUARREL.

DISPUTE OVER DEBT PAYMENT.

Mr. D. McCallum this morning represented the manager of the Swatow Trading Company, who summoned a relative, described as the manager of a similar business in Shanghai, for assault. Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton represented the defendant.

The facts of the case appeared to be that complainant owed defendant \$619.70 for over three years and defendant drew for this sum through the National Commercial and Savings Bank.

When the draft was presented to the complainant, he signified his acceptance by chopping it, but when the due date of payment arrived, a dispute arose as to the rate of exchange. The Bank, in order to settle the dispute, sent for defendant, who happened to be in Hongkong, and informed him that his relative would not settle his draft unless he were given a better rate of exchange.

No settlement was arrived at and complainant was on his way out of the bank when defendant intercepted him and blows were exchanged.

His Worship (Major C. Willson) fined the defendant \$25.

OBITUARY.

SIR CHARLES WALSTON.

The death is announced of Sir Charles Walston, from pneumonia whilst cruising in the Mediterranean.—*Reuter.*

[Sir Charles Walston, who was the son of the late Mr. Henry Waldstein, merchant of New York, was one of the most famous classical scholars and educationists of the times. He was educated in New York, Germany and at Cambridge, winning many classical honours and later holding high educational appointments. He specialised in Hellenic studies and was also a great archaeologist. In addition to holding professorships he was the author of a long list of works, many of which are considered standard. He was a keen international politician and did much to assist the cause of international peace. He had been honoured by many of the world's leading Universities and was the holder of many decorations. He was knighted in 1912. He was 71 years of age.]

METER TAX.

BIG CANTON TENDER REJECTED.

An offer to the Canton Municipality of \$200,000 a year for a monopoly to impose and collect a tax on electric meters and motors in operation in Canton has been proposed by one Tze Ping-sing. The petition has been rejected by the Municipality, says the *Canton Gazette*.

The proposer offered to pay \$200,000 annually for a term of three years to the Municipality, in return for the right to collect a tax of 40 cents (silver) monthly on every meter, and \$2 monthly for each horse power of every motor operated in the city. He estimates that with about 43,000 electric meters installed in shops and residences, a tax of 40 cents a month would bring in, say, \$17,000. He further estimates that electric-driven motors aggregating over 3,000 horse power are in operation in the various factories in the city. A tax of \$2 a month per h.p. on motors would yield \$5,000 a month. Both imposts would bring in, according to him, about \$23,200 a month or over \$270,000 a year.

CHEAP BRANDY.

IN "HENNESSY" BOTTLES.

The master of a cargo junk was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court, with having on board his boat 36 bottles of brandy, the duty on which had not been paid.

It was stated by the prosecution that, on being analysed, the spirit was found to have been of Chinese manufacture in "Hennessy" bottles.

A fine of \$180, being ten times the value of duty payable, was imposed.

U.S. AND MEXICO.

SMUGGLING CONVENTION TO END.

Washington, Mar. 22. The intimation that the United States has made unsuccessful efforts to negotiate a commercial treaty with Mexico is contained in the official announcement that the Smuggling Convention between the two nations will be terminated on March, 18th.

It is not indicated whether this decision foreshadows the raising of the arms embargo by the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRUTAL ATTACK.

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which I said I had not got. I wondered later if it would not have been better to sign for this amount, because the bank would not have paid it, but perhaps not, because they said they would kill me if they did not get the money. There was a lot of bargaining and finally they said they would take a cheque for \$1,500 on the Yokohama Specie Bank and one for Ts. 5,000 on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. I wrote these cheques with considerable difficulty and one man went off to get them cashed. He came back shortly before 3 p.m. and said he could not get the first one cashed because there was some mistake in the date. I think actually he only presented the one on the Yokohama Specie Bank. Then I was told to write another cheque, not on the Yokohama Specie Bank, as I suppose the man did not want to return there a second time. I accordingly was made to write a cheque for Ts. 3,000 on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

"These cheques were taken away and I prevailed on the men to take the rope off my legs. They became rather friendly and even polite. I knew the man who had gone off would be too late and when he came back, still with the cheques, he said they would have to stay in the house all night, as they did not intend to lose the money. They offered to get me some food, but I thought it best not to allow them to do so.

An All-Night Watch.

"I asked for my boys and they said the servants were tied up in an upstairs room and, when questioned further, they said the boys had been sent home and would not come back until the next day. At 6:30 p.m. I said I was cold and was going to bed. They followed me upstairs, keeping their pistols pointing at me, and without undressing, I got into bed and stayed there until 6 a.m., but I did not sleep. They kept two watches on the landing outside, with a light burning, but at my request, they allowed me to keep my room in darkness. They seemed to try and make things as agreeable as possible, but, whenever I attempted to get up, two or three would point their pistols. They even followed me into the bath-room, although I laughed at them and asked them if they expected me to fly out of the window.

"At 6 o'clock in the morning I got up and made myself some tea and then sat down to wait for them to collect the money from the bank. The watch still was very rigorous and they would not let me walk about, snatching me back with great violence whenever I attempted to leave the room. About 11:15 I made a determined effort to go downstairs in order to see the head man, but this nearly brought on a fight, as the watchmen attacked me furiously.

Tweedledum and Tweedledee. "Then one of the men came and said my boy was in a cupboard in my bedroom. I opened the door and found the two servants sitting huddled up on a shelf, just like Tweedledum and Tweedledee. They could only crouch and they had been there since about 1:15 p.m. the previous day. It was hard to believe they could have been there so long without suffocating. They said they had heard me moving about, but they dared not make any noise. Both were thoroughly cowed and very miserable. I got them somewhat recovered and a little while later one of them said he thought the robbers had gone. We listened, but could not hear anything, so I went round to see and found the men had left. I telephoned to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and found that they had cashed the cheques for Ts. 8,000. The robbers also had \$100 which they took from my pockets, but nothing else.

The French Police were informed as soon as possible. They found footprints which it is thought may be a clue and they took my servants away for investigation." Mr. Geddes said that his unwelcome visitors all were young men and one said he was only 24. They seemed to know all about him and he wondered if they had any information from Hankow, for he still had connections with that port, although he had not been there since 1923. Evidently they had been pumping the boys, because they admitted they had been in the kitchen for some time before they descended on him.

For the Southern Cause.

"I am now under sentence of death," added Mr. Geddes, "because they said if I gave notice to the police they would come to the police and kill me, but I think it is my duty to make the matter public. I was not afraid of them and I checked them all the time. They did not attempt to stop me and one man even said he was sorry for me. This man looked just like the ghost of one of the old Puritans, as, in his long gown and high hat, he stood by my bed. When I questioned them further, they

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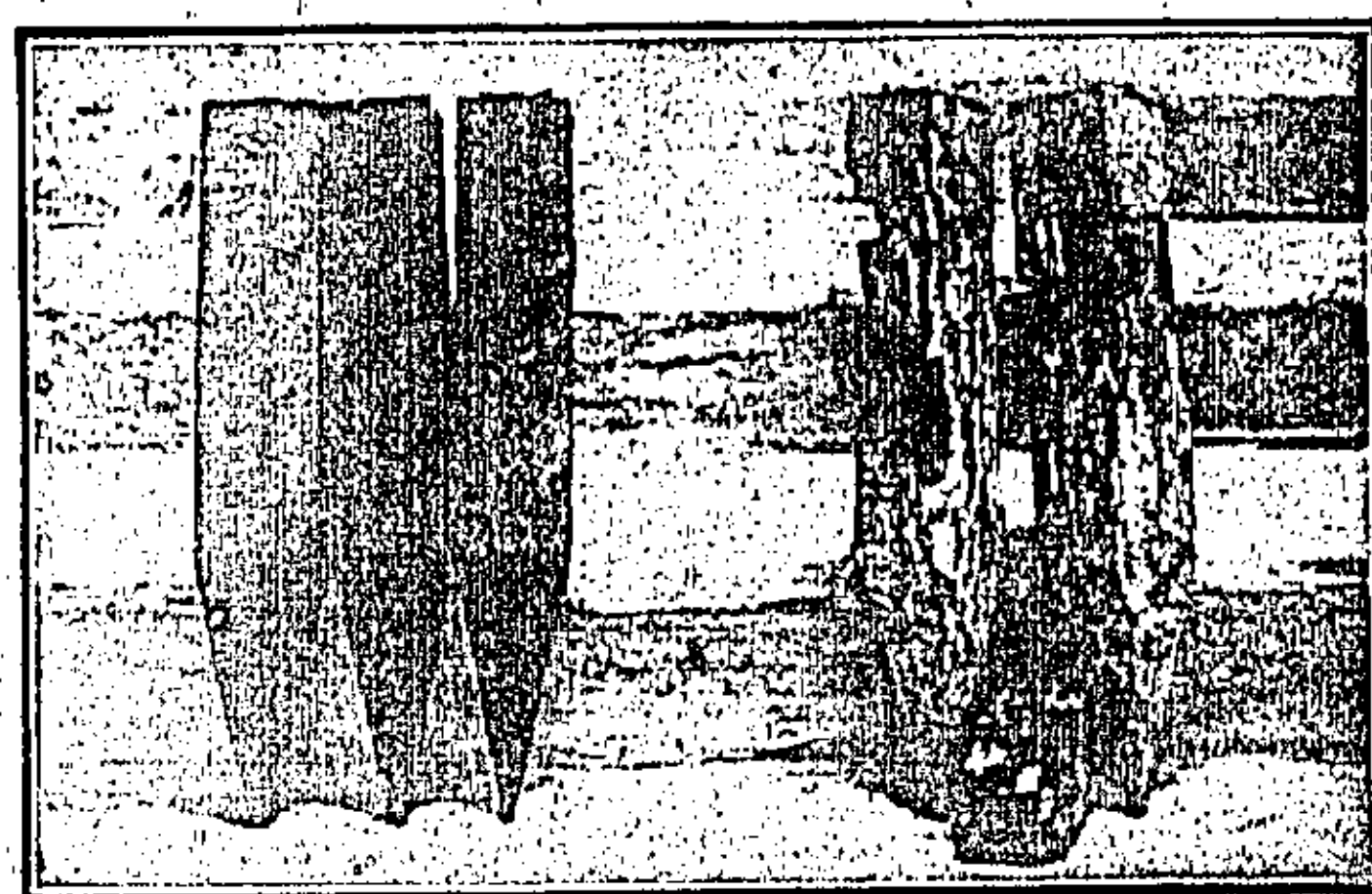
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INDIA'S CURRENCY.

BILL PASSED BY ASSEMBLY.

New Delhi, March 22. The Legislative Assembly, after six days' discussion, has passed the Currency Bill by 63 votes to 51.

Sir Parshottamas Thakurdas hoped that "the painful process of adjustment which the Bill would necessitate in India would be made as light as possible." He admired Sir Basil Blackett's ability but was unable to agree with "his bold existing experiments with the currency." He declared that Sir Basil had "frittered away \$25,000,000 of India's gold resources collected in two years to maintain the rupee at 'eighteen-pence'."

Mr. Malaviya protested against the way the Government had flouted Indian opinion.

Sir Basil Blackett, replying, declared that the rupee ratio controversy had tended to obscure several other great advantages suggested by the Currency Committee and he maintained that the Government's policy was beneficial to the masses. The Government was acting in what he believed to be the best interests of India. He hoped the necessity would not arise of borrowing outside India.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Justice Horridge in the King's Bench Division: We are all more or less rheumatic after forty, aren't we, doctor? Harley-street doctor: Yes, my lord.

said they had held up others in the same way and that they were collecting money for the Southern cause. They even said they would pay back the money when Chiang Kai-shek got to Shanghai, but I have little hope of that. Though evidently adept criminals, they did not strike me as being ordinary robbers, and very well might be enthusiastic and fanatical adherents to the new movement.

"What will you do now?" Mr. Geddes was asked.

"Well," came the answer, with a quiet smile. "I don't think I could have done more than and I don't think I can do anything now, except not go back to the house. But I think just now I will go and have a little rest, because I did not have anything to eat from 11:15 yesterday until noon to-day, and no sleep, and I feel rather tired."

POWELL'S BURGLARY.

FORMER EMPLOYEE CHARGED.

In connexion with the police raid on Monday at quarters occupied by native employees of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., next door to Messrs. Wm. Powell's shop, there was a sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning, when, before Major C. Willson, a young Chinese, stated to be at one time employed as an assistant salesman at Messrs. Powell's, was charged by Detective Sergeant A. V. Baker with the theft by bailie, of various articles of wearing apparel, and, alternatively, with receiving.

The police in their outline of the circumstances surrounding the raid, made no statement definitely connecting the defendant with the Powell burglary, in view of the difficulty of identification of the recovered goods with those stolen in the week-end robbery. That the goods recovered belonged to Powell's was, however, proved by the accused's confession in Court that he was responsible for a number of petty larcenies from the store during the period of his employment, last year.

Sergeant Baker stated also that a number of pawn tickets were found on the defendant, resulting in the tracing of other Powell's goods to various pawnshops in town.

Goods recovered for Powell's were being added to in this manner, and from a small figure represented by the articles actually found during the raid, the value has now risen to nearly \$300. The recovered stock included ladies' underwear, shoes, gloves, handkerchiefs, bathing suits, powder puffs and raincoats; needles, socks, embroidery and mosquito netting, a singlet and an umbrella.

Accused, who pleaded guilty to the two charges, was formally remanded. Mr. Macnamara, of Messrs. Deacons, is prosecuting on behalf of Messrs. Powell's. Mr. Horne Lo is appearing at the next hearing for the defence.

As stated previously in addition to the accused, two other Chinese were arrested during the raid. One of these is an office-boy employed at Messrs. Powell's, while the other is without employment, being arrested on being discovered loitering at the raided premises. Both have since been released, as there is no evidence against either of them.

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SANITARY BOARD ESTIMATES.

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Market Gardens.

In the matter of the staff, it is not for me to offer any criticism, but I should like to be satisfied that the Medical Officer of Health, single-handed, can attend to all the duties required of him within and outside the office when the expansion of the Colony is proceeding apace. I wonder if the time has not arrived for the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance to be extended to apply to such places as New Kowloon and Kowloon City, so that market gardens with their offensive and attendant danger to the health of neighbouring communities could be placed within bounds of inspection by officers of the Sanitary Department.

In conclusion, Sir, I hope the observations I have offered on the Report of the Estimates Subcommittee will be accepted in the spirit they are intended, i.e., one of helpfulness instead of critical obstruction.

Chairman's Reply.

The Chairman, in reply, said that the Committee, in presenting to the Board their final recommendations, had merely done what they were instructed to do in the terms of references, and he did not think it would be possible to have a full debate on every possible item, possibly fifty or more. It had always been usual for the Committee to go into the details and submit their final recommendations.

With regard to the meat vans, perhaps Mr. Braga was not aware of the fact that they already had four meat vans working regularly. A suggestion was made to the Board a year and a half ago to increase this number by running as many again in order that the facilities which now existed for beef should be extended to pork, but the Committee felt that they should first finish off their refuse lorry programme—a very extensive business—and then face the meat van problem in a few years to come.

As to the Kowloon Tong market, the Committee had considered this question but from the information at its disposal were not prepared to include it in their recommendations. He had already given Mr. Braga an undertaking that when there had been more consideration of the whole question of site and other matters, which would take possibly a week or two, the matter would be brought before the full Board for consideration in ample time for a supplementary recommendation for the 1928 estimates.

Mr. Braga's suggestion in connection with the Central Market would be passed on to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, who would, no doubt, give full consideration. As a layman, he should have thought that a chopping block of porcelain or iron would be rather bad for the edge of a chopper. Perhaps it might be arranged to have a separate chopping block. He would ask the C.V.S. to go into that matter.

The Chairman did not understand Mr. Braga's remarks about the Medical Officer of Health. The Committee had made no suggestion that the number of assistant medical officers should be reduced. As the Board knew, they were having considerable difficulty in filling vacancies.

With regard to Kowloon City and New Kowloon, he did not quite see what had to do with the estimates, except possibly in regard to the staff. The provisions of the Ordinance applied to the whole of Kowloon, including Kowloon City, though perhaps not so rigidly as they did in other parts.

Dr. S. C. Ho's Support.

Sir, I would not go over the grounds covered by Mr. Braga in the observations we have just heard from him. I would like to support the Kowloon Tong Residents in their desire to be provided with a market for the district. The question of the insanitary conditions of the Central Market is one upon which I have once spoken to the M. O. H. informally, and if anything can be done in the direction indicated by the last speaker, I feel sure it will all be to the good of the residents and the greater credit of the Colony.

There is one little point in the schedule of proposed votes that needs some explanation. I refer to the increases in the rent of quarters for Inspector and Sanitary offices and for quarters for scavenging coolies respectively. The increases are \$170 and \$1,480, respectively. These are small items in themselves. The Board will, however, be pleased to hear how these increases are justified when it is a matter of common knowledge that rents have been going down practically all over the Colony.

The Meat Vans.

How much longer is the provision of motor meat-vans going to

be deferred? Surely, Hongkong is not so hard-up that it cannot afford the price of one or two, if the means of transporting the food supply of the Colony are going to be brought up to up-to-date requirements.

I would like to touch upon the subject of street scavenging. I do not think the daily accumulation of refuse in the lane between the China Building and the Queen's Theatre is too creditable. This refuse is removed at the luncheon hour—one of the busiest in this busy quarter of the City. I hope this unsatisfactory system of scavenging will be promptly remedied.

Dr. Ho added that he thought the Department might consider the advisability of having smaller vans for the lower levels. He suggested that the large vans should be turned into refuse carts and that they obtain Fords for meat vans. He thought they could get three Fords for what it cost for the present vans.

Support Home Industries.

The Chairman said he could not give chapter and verse for the increases in rents. At Shamshui, he moved across the way to a much better house and that accounted for a part of the increase. They were, however, getting something back in that they used previously to do certain repairs which were really not tenants' repairs. The Chairman promised to consider the question of Ford vans, though he had no doubt that had already been discussed by their motor experts.

Dr. Macgowan opposed the purchase of Ford vans, remarking that this was an instance in which, for the few extra dollars, they ought to support British industry.

The discussion then dropped.

The Committee's Report.

The Committee's report, which was signed by Mr. N. L. Smith, Dr. S. W. Ho, and Dr. J. C. Macgowan, was as follows:

In accordance with the Board's resolution we have considered the Estimates for 1928 and now submit the attached recommendations. We have again given the fullest consideration to the need for economy and have omitted a number of items of expenditure which we should have included among our recommendations under more normal conditions.

Under Special Expenditure we have once more omitted the motor meat-vans, which the Board has decided to be desirable for the conveyance of pork from slaughter-house to market, and the only additional motor vehicle recommended is a refuse-lorry which will complete the scheme for both sides of the harbour. We ask for a sum to fit solid tyres on 8 lorries now fitted with pneumatic tyres, as this expenditure will pay for itself in upkeep in a few years and the pneumatics so available can be used departmentally.

No increases are recommended in staff except one clerk for head office and a tallyman for Mataukok slaughter house; the new lorry will require a driver.

We favour the gradual introduction of water-flushed latrines and bath-houses from year to year and have accordingly recommended only two such buildings for each side although this programme could be greatly expanded were funds available. The three markets which we mention are in our opinion the only ones which are urgently required at present.

The Inspectors' quarters at Kennedy Town have been recommended for several years. The only other building recommended is a small house for sextons.

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A. Markets.

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B. Latrines, etc.

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3. Latrine Hollywood Road near Ladder Street.
4. 30 seat latrine Davis Street.

C. Other Buildings.

1. Quarters for 2 sextons at Sai Yau Shek cemetery.
 2. Quarters for 2 Inspectors at Kennedy Town.
- Personal Emoluments.
- 1 clerk class II for head office at \$2,200-\$2,800.
 - 1 Tallyman for Mataukok at \$300.
 - 1 Motor driver (for lorry) at \$450.
- Special Expenditure.
- 1 motor Refuse lorry \$3,000.
 - Fitting of solid tyres \$4,500.

Other Charges.

As on attached list.

Increases.

Advertisements, \$550. The increase is due to Home advertisements for new appointments of Inspectors.

Coal for Official Quarters, \$200. For two additional quarters.

Light, District Quarters, \$100. The increase is due to free lighting being allowed for two additional quarters, viz:—Kowloon City and Western Market.

Motor Lorries, Vans and Cabs, Running Expenses, \$900. For additional lorries.

Rent of Quarters for Inspectors and Sanitary Offices, \$170. The increase is due to the renting of new quarters at a higher rental.

Rent Quarters for Scavenging Coolies, \$1,480. The increase is due

IS DEATH WORTH DYING?

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE CRAZE LEFT IN DOUBT.

New York.—All night long, for two nights appointed in a note left by a fellow-student who committed suicide, the members of the "Delta Kappa Epsilon" fraternity, of Wisconsin University, sat in silent, tremulous, and of course vain expectancy awaiting a communication from the spirit of Cassel W. Noe.

Noe was one of six students at various universities who, since New Year's Day, had convinced themselves that they had experienced "all that life has to offer," that "life is not worth living," and so killed themselves to find out whether there is a better world. Many of their colleagues have been breathlessly awaiting the sequel.

At midnight, on two nights indicated, after his death, Noe would attempt to get in touch with his fellows (said his last written words).

Nothing more has happened, except that some of the survivors of the silly craze are wondering if death is worth dying.

to the renting of new quarters at a higher rental.

Animals, Depot and Slaughter Houses, Incidental Expenses, \$400. The increase is due to the feeding of greater number of dogs under observation for rabies at Kennedy Town and Ma Tau Kok Slaughter Houses. Total increase, \$4,000.

Decreases.

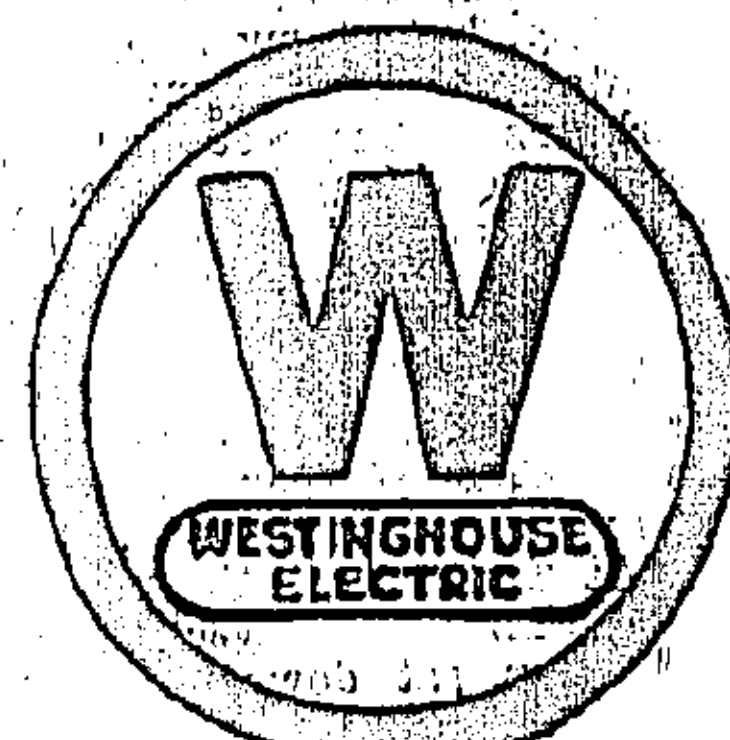
Dust and Water Carts, \$2,000. Reduction of carts owing to the introduction of motor transport.

Paint, Turpentine, etc., \$500. Transfer of barges to Harbour Department.

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs."]

By defeating the Royal Artillery on Saturday, Kowloon C.C. have become Champions of the Senior Division League. A draw would have been sufficient to make the Peninsula side winners of the shield, but as was generally expected, they had little difficulty in accounting for the Gunners.

Ever since Kowloon last won the championship some few years ago, they have been striving hard to regain the premier position and their efforts have at last been rewarded. They fully deserve the honour and are to be heartily congratulated on their success.

The keenness shown by their Captain J. C. Lynn, might well be emulated by the skippers of some of the other teams. Lynn saw to it that his men had sufficient practice and spared no pains in arranging friendly matches, and even mid-week fixtures, with the result that the K.C.C. XI showed consistently good form in their League matches.

After winning their first two matches, K.C.C. played a draw with the Hongkong C.C., and then won three matches off the reel. In their 7th match, they suffered an unexpected reverse at the hands of the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, but it must be remembered that the game was played in mid-week and they did not have their full side out. Although this defeat must have upset them a little, they soon re-established their lead when two days afterwards they trounced the Indian R.C.

In reviewing the Kowloon season, one may be excused if mention is again made of the wonderful bowling feat of Frank Goodwin, in their match against the Chinese R.C. Goodwin did the "hat-trick" with the last three balls of the 8th over, and got another wicket with the first ball of his 9th over.

Of the other matches played last Saturday, the Civil Service C.C. v Hongkong C.C. fixture was very keenly contested. The Club turned out with a weak side, due to the call made on several of their players by the Tai Koo v Ewo Hong match, but nevertheless, they were within an ace of defeating Civil Service. Given another over, they would no doubt, have been able to get the four runs necessary for victory. I was surprised to see Civil Service show such great restraint in batting, but Wales seemed to be bowling really well, and commanded respect. Although he only secured one wicket, his nine overs were not expensive, as only 25 runs were conceded.

I was rather surprised to see the Chinese R.C. lose to Craikengower when they required only 99 runs to win. The bowling of the Chinese team was good, and the feeling better than usual. Their batting, however, was as weak as ever. Ng Sze-kwong, who made 36 out of the total 88, was the only batsman who made a stand.

The Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI have got away from the last position in the League table for the first time this season. They accounted for the Royal Navy 2nd XI in convincing style, making this their third victory in succession.

On Sunday, the Indian R.C. did well to beat the Borderers in the Senior League. The home team started very badly and had 8 wickets down for 66 runs, when fortunately for them, the ninth wicket partnership brought in something like 50 runs. Dobbie and Hankey bowled throughout for the K.O.S.B. The former appeared to be off colour and was not at all difficult to play, or maybe, the Soekunpoo ground did not suit him.

The Winners v Rest match this week in the Senior Division should be well worth watching. It will not be a surprise to see Kowloon beat the Rest, but the Champions of the Junior League (I.R.C. 2nd XI) will probably find it very hard to win their match.

GOLF.

FANLING BOGEY POOL.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling on March 10-21 was won by Commander Aubrey, all square.

Other Scores.—L. G. S. Dodwell, 2 down; N. L. Smith, 3 down; A. E. Wood, 3 down.

LAWN TENNIS.

MAJOR STEVENSON'S GREAT STRUGGLE.

Bringing into play every iota of his knowledge of tennis, Major W. B. Stevenson, made a desperate struggle to win the third set against Ng Sze-kwong whom he met in the second round of the Open Singles tournament yesterday afternoon. Although he lost the first two sets easily, he gave the ex-champion a hard and fast game in the last set which he lost in 13 games.

The all-round superiority of the Chinese began to tell even from the start and he won the first two sets in quick succession. In one of the best sets seen so far, the Major strived hard to win but after leading on each occasion after four-alls was called, he was beaten at 10-8.

The scores in the match between M. W. Lo and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, were peculiarly low in each set although the game went the full five sets. The Chinese player was slightly superior in the first two sets which he took at 6-4, 6-2. The padre forced the play more in the next two which he won on, edging two games in each. The Chinese took the match by winning the final set by the same margin.

Results of the afternoon's matches were: Open Singles.—Ng Sze-kwong beat Major W. B. Stevenson, 6-1, 6-1, 10-8; M. W. Lo beat Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 2-6, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.—W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 1/6) beat A. H. Crook and Dr. F. Craig (rec. 1/6), 6-3, 6-1, R. L. Moncrieff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15/1) beat Major C. Wilkin and N. L. Smith (rec. 1/6), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) beat N. J. Perrin and W. A. Wright (rec. 15/1), 6-2, 6-2; H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3/6) beat M. M. Watson and Dr. J. C. MacGown (rec. 15/2), 6-3, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (rec. 5/6) beat L. M. S. Lloyd and Miss Pird (rec. 15/1), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Today's matches are: Open Singles.—S. A. Rumjahn v. A. H. Crook.

Open Doubles.—S. E. Green and W. Hyde v. D. S. Green and R. F. Sprange (2nd round); T. Honda and H. Akiyama v. T. Ema and T. Edo (2nd round); Col. C. Russell Brown and L. Forster v. E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes; I. M. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy v. T. D. E. Pendered and G. Miskin.

Handicap Doubles.—R. K. Valentine and Dr. D. J. Valentine (ser.) v. J. R. Wood and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (rec. 2/6).

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CRICKET.

LEAGUE WINNERS v. THE REST.

Contrary to previous arrangements, the match between the winners of the League (Kowloon Cricket Club) and the Rest of the League, will be played at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon starting at 1 p.m. It was originally arranged for the match to take place on the Hongkong C.C. ground but at the request of the League winners, who desired to be the hosts, the venue of the match has been altered.

A similar request was made to the secretary in the case of the second Division match but no answer has yet been given. The Indians have asked that the match be played on their ground, but a decision will not be given until the team to represent the Rest has been chosen.

The following have been selected to play against Kowloon: G. R. Sayer (captain), F. J. Ling and E. C. Fincher (Civil Service), A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes and G. R. Vallack (Hongkong C.C.), Capt. A. G. Dobbie (K.O.S.B.), Lieut. Com. T. R. Beatty (Royal Navy), S. A. Ismail (Indian R.C.), T. E. Yeeh (Chinese R.C.) and Lieut. R. F. Wright (Royal Artillery).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

BANK v. THE CLUB.

An interesting match is fixed for this evening at Happy Valley when the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will field a team against a Club side. The match has peculiar interest in that the Club side will contain several players who have not played for some years.

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Referee: Mr. H. G. Hegarty. Kick-off, 5.30 p.m. The Bank will play in white, and the Club in colours.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Captain W. J. Andrews, of the Lanchester, is on reserve. Captain H. Gifford, from reserve, has gone master, Lanchester.

Mr. D. H. Maxwell, sup'y second engineer, Antung, has gone sup'y second engineer, Fatsuan.

Mr. W. Niblock, sup'y chief engineer, Sunning, in on home leave.

Mr. W. Turner, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Linan.

Mr. R. W. Russell, sup'y third engineer, Chonan, has gone sup'y second engineer, Chusan.

Mr. A. B. Bowler, acting second officer, Chonan, is on home leave.

Mr. J. H. Stephen, chief engineer, Linan, has gone chief engineer, Suifuang.

Mr. A. N. McDonald, chief engineer, Suifuang, is on reserve.

Mr. S. Sinclair, chief engineer, Kwaiyang, has gone chief engineer, Kwaiyang.

Mr. A. McLeod, chief engineer, Tai Koo Wan Yi, has gone chief engineer, Kwaiyang.

Mr. A. Campbell, from home leave, has gone chief engineer, Tai Koo Wan Yi.

Mr. J. Black, sup'y third engineer, Linan, has gone third engineer, Chongchi.

Mr. A. Duncann, third engineer, Anhui, has gone third engineer, Tai Koo Wan Yi.

Mr. C. E. Stuart, sup'y third engineer, Nanning, has gone third engineer, Anhui.

Mr. R. H. Knight, third engineer, Tai Koo Wan Yi, has gone sup'y third engineer, Nanning.

Captain T. Croft, from home leave, has gone master, Cheongshing.

Captain D. R. Kilbee, of the Cheongshing, is on home leave.

Mr. A. Robertson, from reserve, has gone third officer, Chaknang.

Mr. H. R. Dobson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kwaisang.

Mr. W. J. Turner, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Yatsing.

Mr. H. S. Allison, chief officer, Tuckwo, has gone acting master, same ship.

Mr. J. Rees, from reserve, has gone sup'y second officer, Tuckwo.

Mr. C. C. Warren, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kwongrang.

Mr. H. T. Sawyer has been appointed second officer, Siangwo.

Mr. S. A. Marchant, second officer, Siangwo, is on home leave.

Mr. J. Shiel, second officer, Kwongrang, has gone second officer, Suifu.

Mr. G. A. R. Powell, second officer, Suifu, has gone second officer, Leung.

Mr. A. McN. Marshall, from home leave, has gone second engineer, Tingwang.

Mr. A. Patton, acting second engineer, Tingwang, has gone third engineer, Tuckwo.

Mr. P. Stewart, sup'y second engineer, Kwungy, has gone third engineer, Tingwang.

Mr. D. Smith, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Kutwo.

Mr. G. G. Patterson, chief engineer, Kutwo, is on reserve.

Mr. R. Perry, second officer, Hanching, has gone to shore duty.

Mr. E. T. Evans, third officer, Hanching, has gone second officer, same ship.

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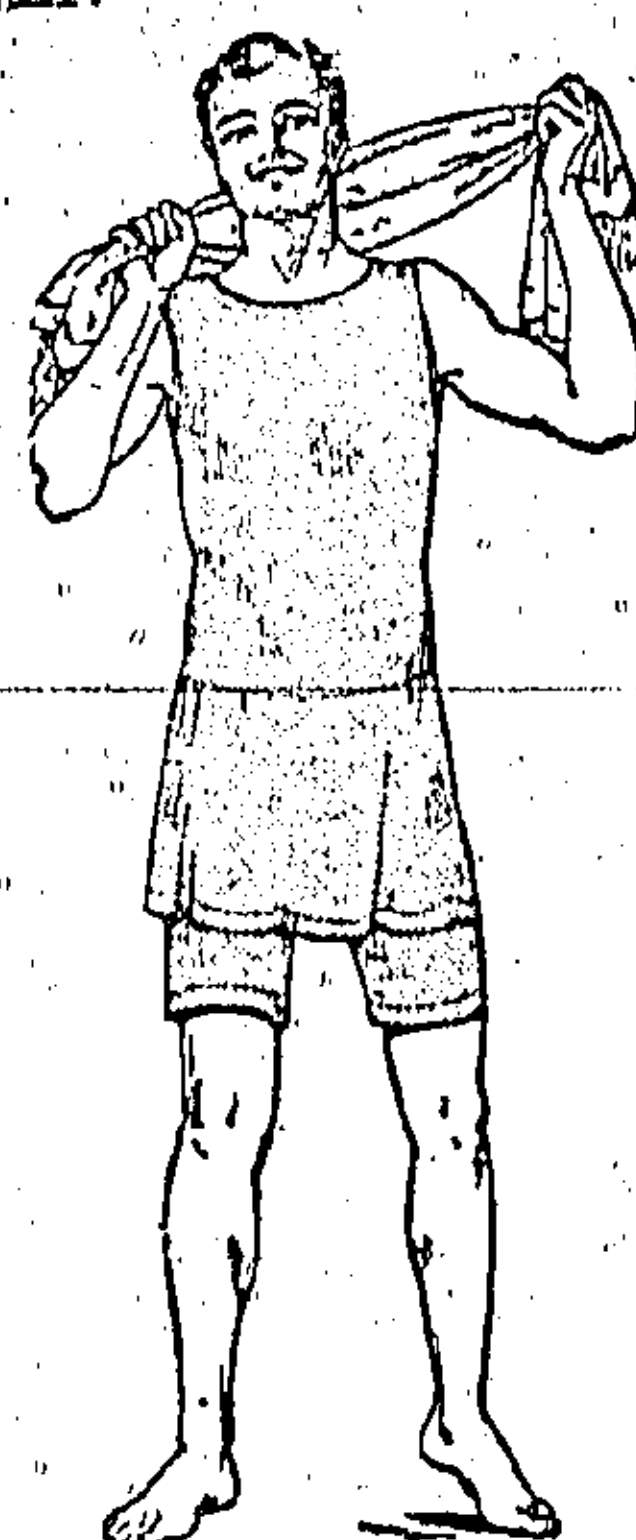
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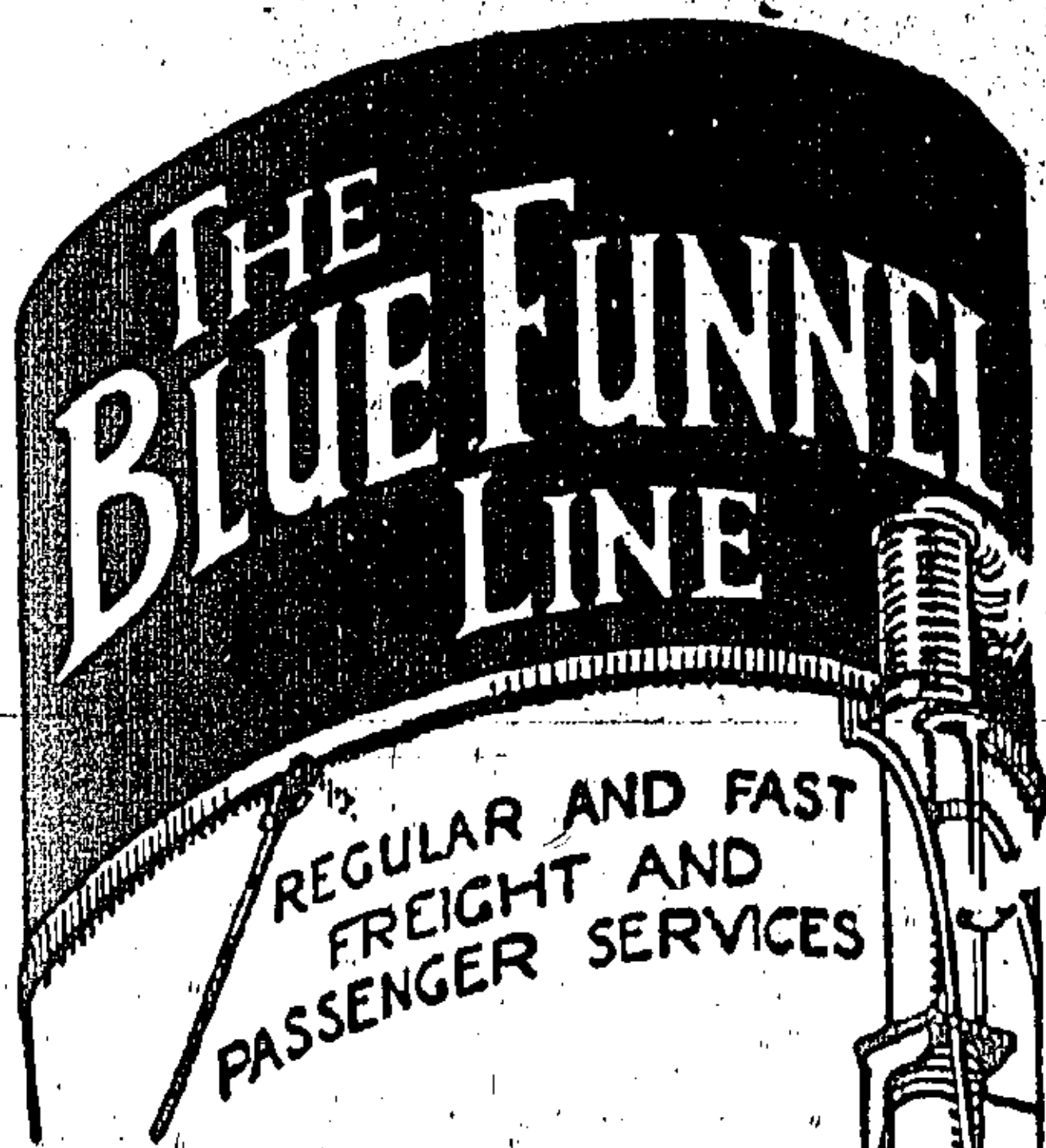
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Hongkong March 21, 1927.

REIGN OF TERROR.

FEARFUL SCENES IN SHANGHAI CITY.

Shanghai, March 22. Reuter's Chinese correspondent describes the scene in Shanghai as worse than hell. Blocked thoroughfares prevent victims from escaping from robbers and looters. Nothing is heard but shots and the screams of women and children running hysterically hither and thither, many of the women naked owing to the soldiers stripping them, mostly however for their clothes and jewels.

They are afraid to remain in their houses for fear of rapers. Sometimes heavily laden soldiers protect themselves with machine-guns carried by fellow soldiers who think nothing of clearing the way down a crowded street by firing and killing scores.

The sky is lit up by increasing fires in Chapei this evening. Several efforts were made by parties of Shantung troops to break through the International Settlement defence cordon this afternoon but they were defeated. Numbers of Shantungers have been disarmed and allowed to enter the Settlement.

In various clashes several Shantung soldiers were killed and wounded. Two men of the Durhams were wounded.—Reuter.

Wild Orgy in Native City. Shanghai, Mar. 22. On the surface the foreign settlements are quiet, thanks alone to the presence of foreign forces, but an orgy of looting, raping, murder and wild fighting, is going on in the Chinese city of Chapei, where there are thousands of officerless Shantung soldiers.

The Nationalist forces have not yet arrived in force. Advance units are awaiting the main body, which is not far off. The British defence line is quiet.—Reuter.

The Strike. Shanghai, Mar. 22. This morning the strikers numbered 150,000, and business is at a standstill.—Reuter.

NEW COMMISSIONER.

AUSTRALIA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON.

Sydney, March 22. Major General Sir Granville Ryrie has been appointed High Commissioner for Australia in succession to Sir Joseph Cook who is retiring.—Reuter.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

LEAVES NEW ZEALAND FOR AUSTRALIA.

Wellington, March 22. The Duke and Duchess of York have sailed for Australia.—Reuter.

FRAUD CHARGE.

ALLEGED INCORRECT RETURNS OF DISTILLERY.

A very complicated case, full of technicalities, was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the manager of the Tung Mei Yuan Distillery of Cheung Sha Wan was charged on four counts of violation of the regulations. A foki or the Nam Mei Wine shop was also charged by the Superintendent of Import and Exports, with being in possession of 46 wine labels, knowing the same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The charges preferred against the manager were: (1) failing to give correct returns to the Import and Export Department, (2) using labels which had previously been made use of, thus defrauding the Government of the revenue collectable on the wine on which labels were reused, (3) failing to keep the necessary books on the premises of the distillery and (4) precipitating certain liquors.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the manager of the Tung Mei Yuan Distillery and Mr. D. McCallum represented the foki of the wine shop.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Import and Exports, prosecuted and said that he was prepared to withdraw against Fung Lun, the foki. He was obviously only acting as an agent.

Mr. Lo rose and objected to the statement made by Mr. Lloyd. He asked whether by stating that Fung Lun was an agent the prosecutor alleged that the principal was in the distillery, as the two cases went together. The prosecutor had no right to make statements which would prejudice the Magistrate.

Foki Discharged.

Mr. Lloyd later replied that on applying for the withdrawal of a case against any defendant, the prosecution was required to give reasons to the Bench to justify the application.

Mr. Lo: The obvious reason is that there is no proof against the defendant.

His Worship: That will do thank you. The defendant is discharged.

Mr. Lo (sitting down): I repeat my objection.

Dealing at length with the circumstances of the case, Mr. Lloyd went into technicalities and the facts surrounding the first charge, which related to duty paid on wine distilled at the distillery, said that this was the chief of the four charges.

The allegations were that the returns submitted to the Government every week did not represent the actual facts of the distillery. During the visit that was made by revenue officers, Mr. Lloyd said "that six jars of Shung Ching wine and ten jars of Sam Ching were found with extremely dirty labels attached. From his experience it could be seen that the labels had been reused."

Labels Re-used.

The numbers on the labels were checked and it was discovered that they were issued, in the case of the six jars, in the distant past, while the others were issued on February 19.

The labels on the six jars should, in the ordinary event, have been used three weeks before the visit was made, but when seized the seals of the jars were still slightly wet.

The third charge, continued Mr. Lloyd, was more or less a technical indictment. The books should have been kept on the premises of the distillery, but as a matter of fact only a few of them were there. The stock book was not to be found and it was presumed by the management that the accountant, who was away on the day of the visit, had taken the book.

Relating to the fourth charge, Mr. Lloyd said that should the spirits be too strong they were "broken down" with water. In a good many of the distilleries rice spirit and molasses spirit were blended. The former was weaker than the latter.

Mr. Taylor examined the spirits and actually tested the strength. He found that with the exception of 300 cetties of rice spirit, the alcohol was considerably stronger than rice spirit could ever be.

Shung Ching or Sam Ching.

Mr. Lloyd said that he would like to mention one or two things in respect to the first charge. From the returns it would be seen that the rice spirit or Shung Ching was generally 25 per cent. or under, while Sam Ching was between 30 to 35 per cent.

According to the returns the whole production of rice spirit was given as being Shung Ching whereas as a matter of fact it consisted of over 27 per cent. and should have been placed under the heading of Sam Ching.

Referring to the actual facts of the case, Mr. Lloyd said that certain information had been re-

LOCAL FUNERAL.

THE LATE MRS. ALICE DAWSON.

The funeral rites of the late Mrs. Alice Dawson whose death occurred at Kowloon City on Monday afternoon, took place at Happy Valley yesterday evening, the remains being laid at rest in the same grave as those of her husband who died in 1917.

There was a large attendance of friends, the chief mourners being Freddie (son) Messrs. F. C. Mow Fung and E. Mow Fung (brothers), W. F. Fincher (brother-in-law), E. C. and E. F. Fincher (nephews), Miss Ruby Mow Fung and Mrs. Parkson (sisters).

Others present included, Dr. C. W. McKenny, Miss Sloan, Mr. P. T. Lambie, Capt. Williams, Mr. H. V. Harmon, and others.

Rev. G. R. Lindsay and the Rev. H. Copley Mayle conducted the service.

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THE COTTON MARKET.

FRENZIED OUTBURST OF BUYING.

New York, March 22. The Department of Commerce announcement that the cotton crop for 1926 is finally placed at the unexpected low figure of 17,910,000 bales, surprised the trade and a frenzied outburst of buying followed. The pit was encompassed by the largest throng for months trying to cover. Prices advanced twenty-six to fifty-four points. News of home and foreign trade buying were also factors. Later private estimates of a larger Indian crop checked the demand and the market closed at from thirty-two to thirty-nine points higher on the day.—Reuter's American Service.

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The mechanical galloping horses, however, were doomed to remain all night under the guard of Nelson. The axle of one of the biggest waggon wheels ever seen in the square broke with a snap. The dam in London's most important traffic roundabout caused inconvenience for a time, but at last the galloping horse section of the fair was propped up by the kerbside for the night with wood blocks under the axle.

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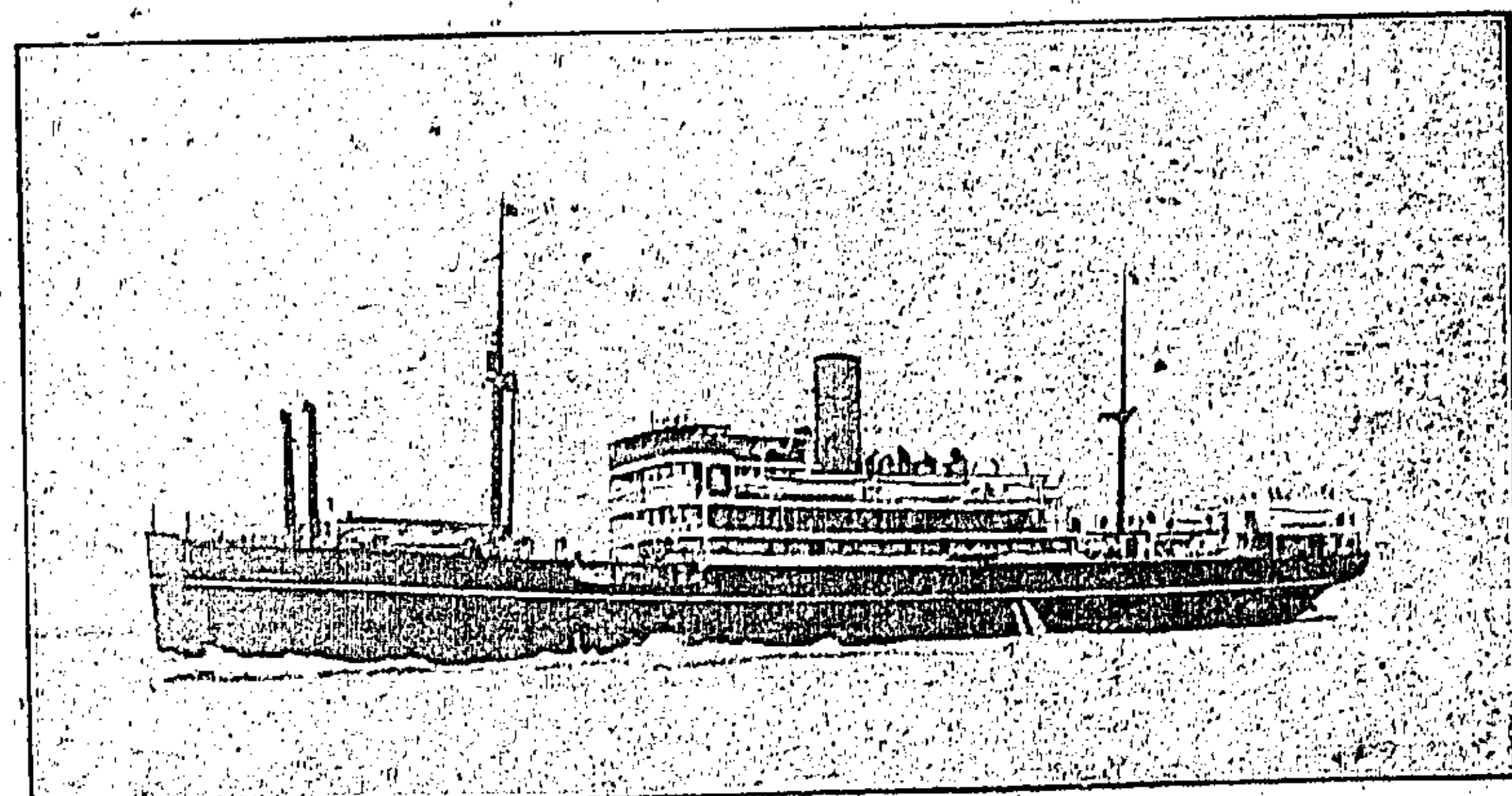
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BRITISH TROOPS IN ACTION.

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As the North China Daily News remarks in an editorial comment this morning: "That it should be possible for such an institution to be completely paralysed twice in the short space of one month would be unbelievable; if it were not only too true." The newspaper continues: "It is a matter that affects not only local postal officials, the striking postal workers and the unfortunate houses and individuals whose mails have been held up indefinitely, but the whole fabric of the international postal system. It is a flagrant violation of the International Postal Agreement which all nations concerned regard as binding and as unbreakable as any international compact could be. That China has broken that agreement in a manner that must be unprecedented anywhere, must constitute an ill-natured for the future of the Chinese Post Office.—Reuter.

NEARING NANKING.

SOUTHERNERS' PROGRESS.

Nanking, Mar. 22. The Southern troops are close to Nanking, and gun and rifle fire occurred yesterday evening on the south side of the city. The majority of the women and children have now been evacuated. The evacuation of American women and children is proceeding.—Naval Wireless.

Warcraft as Refugees.

Shanghai, Mar. 22. The U. S. gunboat Isabel has gone to Nanking from Hankow. The evacuation of women and children from Nanking continues, the refugees leaving for Shanghai on merchant vessels as fast as accommodation becomes available. Others are taking refuge on board British and American warcraft until space becomes available. The Chinese are also evacuating Nanking.

It is reported that the Nationalists are within a few miles of the walls of Nanking.—Reuter.

WUHU CRISIS.

FOREIGNERS TO EVACUATE.

Wuhu, Mar. 22. Negotiations with regard to the collision between the s.s. Kutwa and a military launch have been renewed. The boat has been salvaged and recovered, twelve bodies being found.

The situation remains quiet, but the evacuation of foreign women and children has been decided upon and is now taking place with the aid of H.M.S. Emerald.

It is now impossible to get out of the city after daybreak and the fifty British women and children and 150 other foreign women and children, who will be evacuated as soon as possible, have been accommodated in the premises of the International Export Company on the front.

An armed guard from the Emerald was refused admission through the city gate last night. The only British guard now ashore is the one at the premises of the International Export Company.

It is hoped that as many as possible of the foreigners will be put on board the s.s. Poyang which is due here from up river. The Poyang will leave for Shanghai.

A proclamation has been issued by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek ordering the safety of foreigners and the safety of their property.—Naval Wireless.

NAVAL REPORTS.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK MOVES.

Kiukiang, Mar. 22. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek left here for down river on Sunday, probably for Anking.—Naval Wireless.

Ningpo, Mar. 22. A general strike is taking place here.—Naval Wireless.

Chinkiang, Mar. 22. The Southern troops are very close to Chinkiang. The Commander of the Fort has issued a notice that no warships or merchant vessels will be allowed to pass Silver Island between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.—Naval Wireless.

Hankow, Mar. 22. There is a general atmosphere of uneasiness and unrest ashore.—Naval Wireless.

Shasi, Mar. 22. The general atmosphere ashore is friendly.—Naval Wireless.

POSITION ANALYSED.

BRITISH PREMIER'S REVIEW.

London, Mar. 22. The Premier to-day made a statement in the House of Commons regarding the situation at Shanghai. He said at six o'clock last night there were reported to be 25,000 Cantonese troops in the area immediately south of the French Settlement, but that number was probably exaggerated. The Chinese Police Station outside the Settlement had been taken over and their arms seized by agitators, who were creating disorder on Settlement borders.

At the Municipal Council's request, armed guards of the national forces concerned were guarding property outside the cordon. There were three Japanese posts in that district, and six British. The Royal Marines had landed at the riverside area opposite Shanghai to protect British lives and property there.

The Northern forces were reported to be evacuating Soochow and it was reported that General Chang Tsung-chang was preparing to defend Nanking strongly. Press telegrams indicate that in the Settlement the situation is completely under control.

Several attempts have been made by Chinese troops to break through the barriers. One large body of Northerners temporarily succeeded, but were finally disarmed or ejected. Several shells, presumably misdirected, fell in the Settlement without loss of life to foreigners.

Considerable sniping into the Settlement has taken place. Japanese marines have replied and men of the Durham Regiment were compelled to retaliate in one case, though they did not reply to other sniping for fear of hitting innocent persons.

The Southern Nationalist forces control practically all the native city, but in the Chapei district adjoining the Settlement some Shanghaiers are still resisting. In this area, hoodlums and gangs are looting and burning Chinese property.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI CRISIS.

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

London, Mar. 22.

Replying to a question by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin detailed the recent happenings in Shanghai. He provoked loud laughter by stating that the Nationalists' advance had been facilitated by the fact that the Northern Commander, General Pi Shou-chen, had made terms with the Nationalists and had been appointed Commander of their 41st Army. The Premier assured the House that the situation was well in hand.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald asked where the Punjabis were attacked when one of them was killed and one wounded, and Mr. Baldwin said he believed that it was inside the cordon but outside the Settlement.

Mr. Garro-Jones (Liberal) asked whether there had been any diplomatic contact with the Cantonese and, if not, whether Mr. Baldwin would attempt to establish it.

Mr. Baldwin replied that the British Consul-General was in constant touch.

Mr. Garro-Jones asked:—"With whom?"

Mr. Baldwin replied:—"In such a kaleidoscopic situation you have to be in touch with whoever you can."

Major H. E. Crawford (Liberal) asked if there had been any threat to the civil population, and Mr. Baldwin said that that depended on what was meant by "threat."

He added that the place was seething with mobs which might get out of hand at any moment.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS.

THRILLING ESCAPE.

DETAILS OF DIPLOMATS' EXPERIENCES.

Shanghai, March 23. It was by the merest fluke that Lieut. Col. Heywood and Major Hilton-Johnson escaped with their lives.

Fuller details were available to-day. Their mission was to get into touch with a certain Cantonese, whom they had been assured was the accredited representative of General Pei Chiang-hsi, in order to get him to accompany them to Chapei to assure such Shanghai men, if any, as might have some authority that Gen. Pei Shou-chen had surrendered.

The main object of their visit being to endeavour to stop or mitigate, if possible, what was going on at Chapei, Lieut. Col. Heywood and Major Hilton-Johnson got into touch with their man, but he refused to accompany them back, and it was in the course of the return journey that the real trouble began.

About a hundred armed workers stopped the car, and then some men of the Nationalist plain clothes army, with black shirts and red sashes, came up and asked questions.

Although a prominent Chinese official accompanying the Englishmen fully explained, the crowd grew truculent and swarmed over the car. Some advised killing and others "slitting."

Lieut. Col. Heywood and Major Hilton-Johnson sat tight in the car, the latter pressing hard against the former in order that the mob might not discover that Col. Heywood had a revolver. Major Hilton-Johnson was unarm-

MORE TERRORISM.

SHANGHAI LABOUR ASSASSINS.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER.

Developing their campaign of labour murders by a crime of fendish brutality, unknown Chinese gunmen believed to belong to the gang of hired assassins obeying the commands of Shanghai labour unions, murdered the wife of Wong Ah-foh, Chief Traffic Inspector of the Shanghai Tramways, at her home 1330 Baikal Road, yesterday morning, says the Shanghai Times of Friday last. Finding the husband absent, the two murderers seized the wife by the hair and shot her dead.

Three bullets were fired into her body before the poor woman finally expired. The robbers seized her by the hair and shot her. As the first shot had no effect, they dragged her to the floor and fired two more shots, killing her.

Ninth Crime.

This brutal crime is the ninth murder committed in the Foreign Settlement in the name of lawless labour unions within two weeks. A large number of attempted murders stand to the discredit of the gang of paid murderers who wreak labour vengeance in a reign of terror by shooting down loyal employees of foreign firms.

All evidence points to the fact that the gang is large and is well-protected by the powerful labour organizations, which find the numbers abundant occupation. Two murderers of recent victims have been arrested by the police and one confessed he murdered a loyal fore-woman for \$10. In an effort to supplement the search for the gang, Municipal police "wanted" notices offer a total of nearly \$20,000 as rewards for the arrest of the perpetrators of the recent killings.

The crime was committed in a particularly barbarous manner. Two unknown men called at 1330 Baikal Road at 7.30 a.m., yesterday and asked for Wong Ah-foh, the Tramways Inspector. A Chinese girl who answered the door told them he was not at home.

Seized By Hair.

They asked to see Mrs. Wong, displaying what purported to be a letter for her. They were permitted to enter the house and were led upstairs, where Mrs. Wong was having her hair done up by an amah. In reply to the assassins' question, she admitted she was Mrs. Wong, whereupon, the two drew pistols and shot her.

One seized her by the hair and put a bullet into her body. As this did not kill her, they dragged her to the floor and shot her again, twice. Screams from frightened servants attracted their attention and they fired other shots before making their escape.

Had the mob known that Col. Heywood was armed, they would almost certainly have shot him.

At one time it took "all up" as rifles and revolvers were being pointed at the party from all directions, some even pressing against them. What finally saved them was the afore-mentioned prominent official's ability to convince another party of the Plain Clothes Army who arrived on the scene what the mission was. Even so, before they were allowed to go, Major Hilton-Johnson signed (of course, under duress) a statement that he was sorry "he had introduced the British Army into Chinese territory without the Nationalists' permission."

The incident is typical of the risks that must be taken during the present atmosphere by negotiators outside the Settlement confines.—Reuter.

3,000 TROOPS SURRENDER TO JAPANESE.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Over five thousand Cantonese troops reached Shanghai to-day. Three thousand Shanghai troops surrendered to the Japanese on the north-eastern border. The authorities are faced with the problem of what to do with them and with the thousands of refugees who are still swarming into the Settlement. Up to noon to-day the foreign authorities had been unable to get into touch with the Cantonese general, General Pei Chiang-hsi.—Reuter.

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Franki Piling in Shanghai.

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The system has been well received by engineers and architects as well as by the various public authorities of Shanghai, and we are now engaged upon our first contract there, which is for the foundations of a twelve storey building in the French Concession. We have other prospective work both in Shanghai and elsewhere, the materialisation of which, however, must depend to a great extent upon the trend of events in the North. Needless to say, the amount above referred to will have to be a first charge against the profits from work in Shanghai. As we hold the patent rights of this system for the whole of China, we do not intend to confine our operations to Hongkong and districts or even Shanghai, but to go further afield as opportunity occurs.

Our centrifugal concrete pipes are now being turned out in first-class condition and of a quality and at a price which enables them to compete with any other drainage pipe on the market. Wherever they have been tried they have given complete satisfaction, but, like everything else, this Department has languished for the lack of a good demand. Our list of regular users is, however, gradually growing larger.

A Critical Year.

You will, I am sure, all realise that the year 1927 will be a critical time for your Company. The policy of the Directors will be to reduce our general charges to the absolute minimum compatible with efficiency so as to

conserve such working capital as still remains in order that we may take full advantage of the slightly improved prospects of business which appear to be opening out.

With regard to the recent changes in the Directorate, we have to our great sorrow, lost the services of that outstanding personality, the late Sir C. Paul Charter, who was one of our first Directors. The Very Rev. Father L. Robert, who forwarded his resignation quite recently, and Dr. J. W. Noble, who has not sought re-election, were also amongst the founders of the Company. On the other hand we are fortunate in now having Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., and Mr. J. T. Bagram to take the places of these gentlemen.

I trust, gentlemen, I have laid our position clearly before you, and I now propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to reply to any questions thereon.

Mr. J. T. Bagram seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, and, there being no questions, the resolution was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Other Business.

The appointment of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. J. T. Bagram as directors was confirmed, and Mr. J. Scott Harston was re-elected to the Board on the proposition of Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Figueroa.

Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$800 each, the proposer being Mr. Fernandez, while Mr. Ribeiro seconded.

Shareholder's Proposal.

Mr. Fernandez, addressing the Chairman at the close of the ordinary business, said:—"The Company has already lost half its capital, and I would suggest that the Directors should write off the amount as provided for in the Articles of Association, Clause 57. I think it is advisable to do so because it means no loss to the shareholders. The capital which has been subscribed to the Company figures as a liability on its balance sheet. If the capital is reduced, the liabilities are reduced, and in this way the deficit would be wiped out. It is only a book transaction and it does not alter the real value of the shares. That is the only suggestion I have to make, sir."

The Chairman:—"I thank you. The matter will be gone into very carefully."